# CENTER FOR CIVIL AND HUMAN RIGHTS Working Group Report-- APPENDIX

Delivered to the Mayor of Atlanta-The Honorable Shirley Franklin December 15, 2006

Throughout the ages humans have sought to secure a decent and just place for themselves in their community or society. Sometimes to gain that sense of security they have had to fight to change the conditions of their lives. This Center will recognize and tell the stories of the universal search for a secure human existence.

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### **Eastside-Auburn**



### **Vision & Goals**

- Retain and capitalize on historic resources and expand facilities that celebrate and teach the culture of the Avenue
- Attract compatible new housing, office and retail uses as part of a vibrant mix of activity
- Enhance pedestrian connections and transit opportunities, particularly for visitors



Atlanta Regional Council for Higher Education

www.atlantahighered.org

# www.atlantacivilrights.org Mission

- 1) Preserve the heritage of Atlanta's role in the Civil Rights movement and keep alive the lessons of this period through an educational Web site.
- 2) Help researchers and others access historical materials in regional libraries/archives, advancing Atlanta's role as a center for the study and understanding of human rights.

# www.atlantacivilrights.org Project Phases

- 1) Inventory collections at ARCHE member libraries and archives and make available online with historical context (Completed May 2004).
- 2) Plan educational Web site with help from broad cross section of academic and community experts (Completed December 2005).
- 3) Raise needed funds and build the site (Starting January 2006).

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#### Atlanta in the Civil Rights Movement

As home to many key leaders and organizations of the civil rights movement – and as a site for many of the movement's grassroots activities – Atlanta played a critical role in this period of American history.

To help keep alive both the lessons of the movement and the legacy of Atlanta's role in it, the Atlanta Regional Council for Higher Education (ARCHE) is undertaking a civil rights project in three phases.

This site represents the first phase of the project. It highlights Atlanta's role in the movement from 1940 to 1970, provides a timeline of key events, and offers information on other civil rights printed and online resources. Uniquely, this site provides a first-ever searchable inventory of special collections containing materials on the movement found at ARCHE's member institution and affiliated libraries/archives.

So, bookmark our site as a resource and follow ARCHE's progress on this project.

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How did Auburn Avenue, African-American churches, and the students of the city's historically black colleges create an incubator for leadership and relatively peaceful change? The Atlanta movement from 1940 to 1970. >

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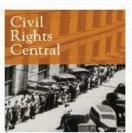
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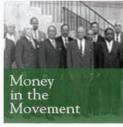
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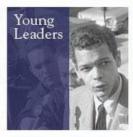
Click into these exhibits to let Atlanta's archives take you into the civil rights movement in Atlanta.



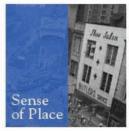
Atlanta was central to movements in Georgia communities and across the United States. >



Economic motivations drove segregation – and desegregation. >



Students from Atlanta's many black colleges were critical to how things changed in Atlanta. >



Visit the Atlanta places where the movement happened. >



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### Atlanta History Center

Coretta Scott King Papers

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# www.atlantacivilrights.org Connections to Possible Attraction

- 1) ARCHE Web site can advance visibility for attraction.
- 2) ARCHE digital content can fast-forward creation of experiential exhibits and learning materials.
- 3) ARCHE campus and partner experts can help build programs.
- 4) Area college students can work in education and research roles.



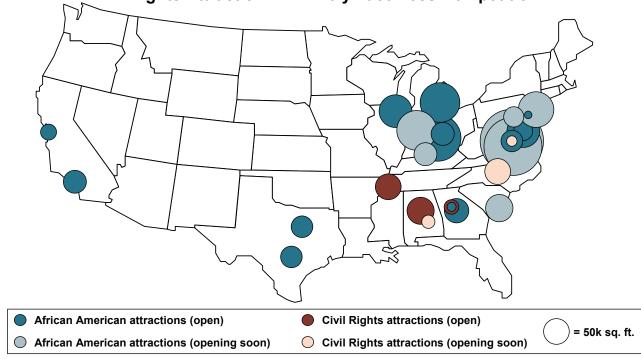
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## THERE WILL BE 24 MAJOR AFRICAN AMERICAN AND CIVIL RIGHTS ATTRACTIONS IN THE U.S. BY 2013<sup>(1)</sup>



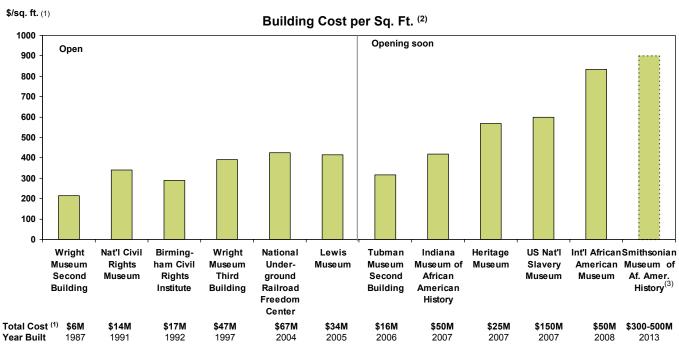


(1) Major attractions are defined as being at least 10k sq. ft. or having annual visitation of at least 50k people Source: Press Articles, Online Research

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### BUILDING COSTS AND SQUARE FOOTAGE ARE INCREASING WITH NEW ATTRACTION CONSTRUCTION



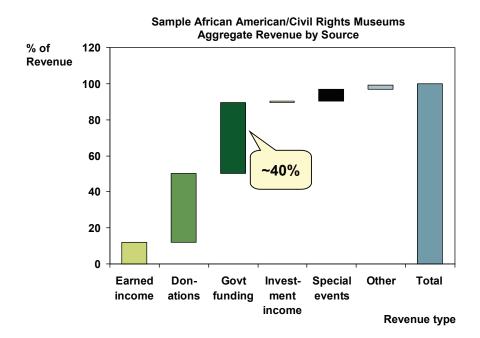
- (1) 2005 Dollars using CPI Inflation Calculator
- (2) Building cost does not include land/property cost
- (3) Smithsonian cost and square footage were estimated from available data

Source: Press Articles, Museum Reports, Museum Websites, BCG Analysis

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### GOVERNMENT FUNDING FILLING POTENTIAL DEFICITS FOR MAJORITY OF AFRICAN AMERICAN/CIVIL RIGHTS MUSEUMS



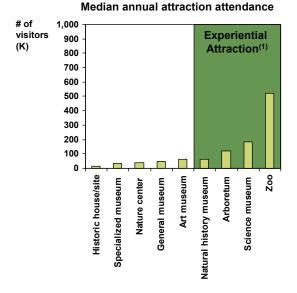
Source: Museum 990 IRS Filings FY 2003 & FY 2004; BCG Phone Survey of Museum Personnel; BCG Analysis; Detroit Free Press June 7, 2004; Museum Websites

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### EXPERIENTIAL ATTRACTIONS DRAW MORE VISITORS RELATIVE TO OTHER ATTRACTION TYPES





Type of attraction

### Major U.S. experiential attractions (attendance M)

National Air & Space Museum	9.4(2)
San Diego Zoo	3.2
American Museum of Natural History	3.0
Museum of Science – Boston	1.6
U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum	1.0
Colonial Williamsburg	0.7
Denver Botanic Gardens	0.6

Source: American Association of Museums Survey 2003 Museum Financial Information Survey; Museum Websites; Los Angeles Times June 21 2005; San Jose Mercury News March 13 2005; Washington Post November 25 2004

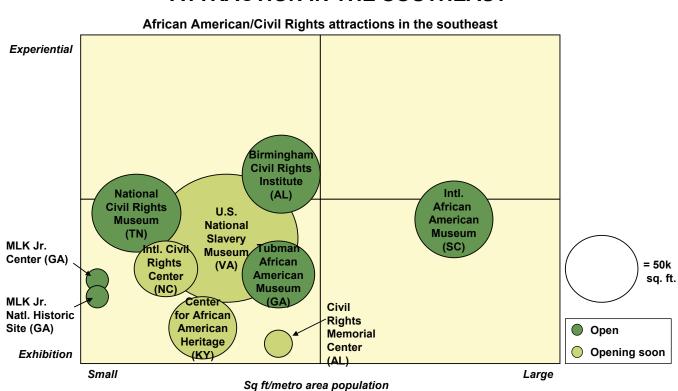
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<sup>(1)</sup> Experiential indicates that the attraction has high-tech., interactive exhibits and cultural space

<sup>(2)</sup> Highest attendance of any museum in the world

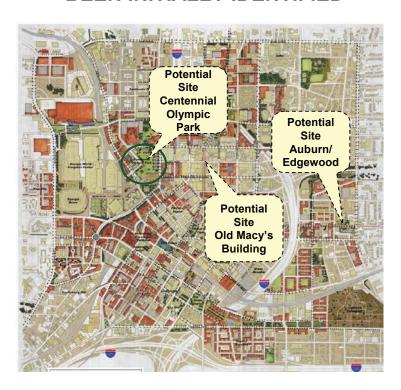


### OPPORTUNITY FOR A LARGE EXPERIENTIAL ATTRACTION IN THE SOUTHEAST





# THREE POTENTIAL LOCATIONS FOR AN ATTRACTION HAVE BEEN INITIALLY IDENTIFIED



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### **LOCATION**

Centennial Oly	mpic Park
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Proximity to major Atlanta attractions

Easy access to Marta, limited parking

Likely to attract broad, diverse audience

- Residents
- Tourists

#### **Auburn Avenue**

Proximity to major African American attractions

 Historical site of Civil Rights activity

Inaccessible by Marta, limited parking

Risk of less diverse draw

- Residents
- Tourists

### **Old Macy's Building**

Proximity to major downtown hotels & attractions

Easy access to Marta, limited/expensive parking

Draw unclear

- Residents
- Tourists

Attract large diverse population

Highlight Auburn Avenue

Use existing building

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### **ATTRACTION THEME**

### **Civil Rights**

Celebrate Atlanta's Civil Rights legacy

- HBCU student involvement
- SCLC activity
- Home to several Civil Rights leaders
- Opportunities for African American entrepreneurship

#### **Human Rights**

Celebrate Civil Rights as part of larger Human Rights issues

- Role of Civil Rights movement in advancing global movements
- Global Atlanta organizations (e.g. CARE, Carter Center, CNN, etc.)

Atlanta natural place for Civil Rights attraction

Atlanta claiming mantle as Human Rights cradle

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### **GEOGRAPHIC FOCUS, REACH & SCALE**

Atlanta	Atlanta & beyond
Focus on movements in Atlanta	Highlight movements throughout the U.S. and/or globally
Primarily target local and regional visitors • Must attract visitors multiple times	Target regional, national & international visitors • Must offer broad programming
Smaller building footprint • Less expense	Larger building footprint  • More expense
Local/regional attraction	National/international attraction

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### **FORMAT**

### **Predominantly exhibition**

Focus on displayed holdings
• Low exhibit turnover

Research facility for scholars

Small scale discussion groups & educational programs

### Predominantly experiential

Focus on technologically advanced & interactive exhibits

High exhibit turnover

**Event center including theater/meeting space** 

Host large scale cultural & annual events

Modeled on traditional museum

Modeled on interactive multipurpose venue

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### **CHAPTER CONTENTS**

Initial findings

Detailed benchmarking data

### SUMMARY OF INITIAL FINDINGS AND IMPLICATIONS

### **Findings**

**Crowded African American museum scene** 

- Many existing or planned spaces in the SE
- Building & operating costs increasing over time
   often subsidized by government
- Attendance rarely >300K annually

No large civil rights focused institute exists

- · All civil rights focused museums in SE
- Small-medium civil rights museums have above average attendance vs comparable museums

Atlanta has unique success characteristics

- Attendance >500K at MLK Historic Site
- Atlanta population larger than other cities with civil rights museums
- Sizeable African American population & tourism

Large, experiential museums draw more visitors but require more investments

Location key to attracting attendees

#### **Implications**

High barrier to entry

Must differentiate from the pack

Regional competition high Demand exists for civil rights story Civil rights focus presents opportunity to differentiate a large institute

Atlanta prime location for a civil rights attraction

Leveraging existing tourist attractions a key driver of attendance

Atlanta attraction should be

- >100K sq ft and experiential
- · Will be substantial cost to build
- · Located in high tourist area

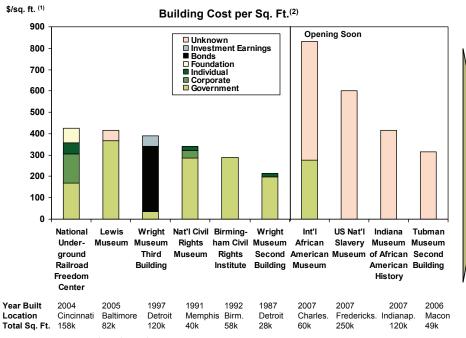
# APPROACH TO AFRICAN AMERICAN AND CULTURAL INSTITUTE BENCHMARKING

Identified sample targets	Gathered public information on 24 targets	Surveyed targets	Interviewed key targets
Museums focused on African American or cultural topics • Focused on largest by budget / attendance • Complied list of 24 attractions	Benchmarked • Revenues - funding mix - earned income  • Expenses - fundraising - advertising - overhead	Explored potential drivers of attendance     Proximity to other attractions     Proximity to historically ethnic community     Overall size and gallery space     Programming & exhibits	Examined best practices in Government funding Gift shop sales Admissions Individual contributions Programmatic mix

Key questions & options for new Atlanta attraction

### BUILDING COSTS AND SQUARE FOOTAGE ARE INCREASING WITH NEW BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

**Government Funding Key Construction Funding Source** 



- (1) 2005 Dollars using CPI Inflation Calculator
- (2) Building cost does not include land/property costs

Source: Press Articles, Museum Reports, Museum Websites, BCG Analysis

#### **Key Insights**

Cost per square foot has increased significantly

New attractions larger and using more technology

Average building cost: \$400-\$700/sq. ft.

 100k sq. ft. facility will cost ~\$40-\$70 million

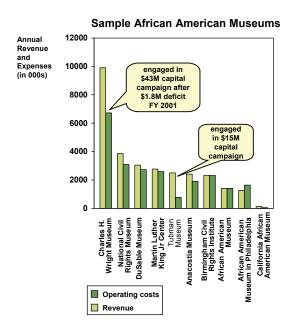
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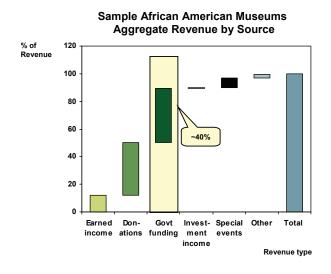
Smithsonian Museum of African American History scheduled to open in 2013

- · Will cost \$300-\$500 million
- 50% funding from federal government, 50% from private sources
- Likely located on/near Washington Mall

### MAJORITY OF AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUMS BREAK-EVEN ANNUALLY

### **Government Funding Filling Potential Deficits**





Source: Museum 990 IRS Filings FY 2003 & FY 2004; BCG Phone Survey of Museum Personnel; BCG Analysis; Detroit Free Press June 7, 2004; Museum Websites

### ATTENDANCE AT CIVIL RIGHTS FACILITIES HIGHER THAN GENERAL AFRICAN AMERICAN ATTRACTIONS

### Only Free Admission MLK Sites Have Attendance >300K

	Attraction	Annual Attendance(1)	
	National Underground Railroad Freedom Center	280k	_ ) [
	Dusable Museum	149k	
	California African American Museum	70k	
General African	African American Panoramic Experience	60k	Average
American <sup>(2)</sup>	Tubman African American Museum	60k	Attendance: 91k
	African American Museum in Philadelphia	57k	
	Charles H. Wright Museum	53k	
	Anacostia Museum	50k	
	African American Museum in Dallas	38k	<i>J</i>
	Martin Luther King Jr. Center	580k	] ) [
Civil Rights	Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site	580k	Average Attendance:
Olvii Rigitis	National Civil Rights Museum	150k	290k <sup>(3)</sup>
(4) Appual Attendance in 2004 and	Birmingham Civil Rights Institute	140k	J

<sup>(1)</sup> Annual Attendance in 2004, not including Special Events (e.g. festivals)

<sup>(2)</sup> Any African American attractions that do not specifically focus on Civil Rights (3) This calculation counts the MLK sites as a single entity so as not to double count Source: Museum Websites, Press Articles, BCG Survey, BCG Analysis

## **NO LARGE CIVIL RIGHTS INSTITUTES EXIST-- YET** All Non-Atlanta Civil Rights Attractions In Small Southeastern Cities

Attraction	Size (sq. ft.)	City (Pop.) <sup>(3)</sup>
Birmingham Civil Rights Institute	58k	Birmingham, AL (1.1M)
National Civil Rights Museum	53k	Memphis, TN (1.2M)
Civil Rights Memorial Center*	<10k	Montgomery, AL (0.4M)
International Civil Rights Museum*	<10k	Greensboro, NC (0.7M)
Martin Luther King Jr. Center	<10k	Atlanta, GA (4.6M)
Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site	9k	Atlanta, GA (4.6M)

Large <sup>(2)</sup> civil rights attractions					
Attraction	Size (sq. ft.)	City (Pop.) <sup>(3)</sup>			
No Large Civil Rights Attraction					
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(1) Small-infection indicates attraction is 100k sq. ft. or more
(2) Large indicates attraction is 100k sq. ft. or more
(3) Population of Metro-Area in 2003 according to US Census Bureau
Note: \* indicates that attraction is not yet open
Source: Museum Websites, Press Articles, 2003 Annual Estimates of the Population of Metropolitan and Micropolitan Statistical Areas by the US Census Bureau

<sup>(1)</sup> Small-Medium indicates attraction is <100k sq. ft.

## A LARGE CIVIL RIGHTS INSTITUTE COULD **CAPITALIZE ON ATLANTA'S UNIQUE ATTRIBUTES**

#### **Tourism**

#### 18.8M visitors annually

- · 85% overnight tourists
- 64% leisure travelers
- · 42% visiting friends and family
- 13% African American

**#1 Top Travel Destination** for African Americans

#### **Demographics**

## 4.6M residents of metro

• 28% African American

### Projected Pop. Growth Rate: 3%(1)

 Estimated pop. ~5M by 2008

Central city experiencing residential growth

### **Existing Major African American Attractions**

#### Cultural

- African American **Panoramic Experience** (APEX)
- MLK Jr Center
- MLK National Historic Site

#### Educational

- Interdenominational **Theological Center**
- Morehouse
- Spelman

#### Special Events

- Atlanta Jazz Festival
- · Annual Football Classic
- National Black Arts Festival

#### **Civil Rights Legacy**

**Sweet Auburn District** 

**Headquarters of SCLC** 

MLK birthplace and site of **Ebenezer Baptist Church** 

First African American elected mayor of a major Southern city

Base of activity for various civil rights leaders including:

- Ambassador Andrew Young
- · Rev. Joseph Lowery
- Rev. Ralph David Abernathy

(1) 2003-2008 Population Projections from "2004 Demographics Now"

Source: BCG Analysis; "2002-2003 Gallup Poll of Media Usage & Consumer Behavior- Atlanta Market";

US Census Bureau "Annual Estimates of the Population by Sex, Race and Hispanic or Latino Origin for the United States April 1, 2000-July 1, 2004"; Selig Center at the University of Georgia's Terry College of Business 2003; "African American Market Profile" by Magazine Publishers of America 2004 "Economic Impact of Travel on Fulton County, Georgia 2003 Profile" by Travel Industry Association of America, Sept 2004 "2003-2004 Atlanta Market Study" by the Atlanta Journal Constitution

## SAMPLE BEST PRACTICES OF LARGE-SCALE ETHNICALLY FOCUSED ATTRACTIONS(1)

	Offering (attendance)		Museum (annual attendan	ce)
	Oral history recording and listening studio		• Reginald F. Lewis Museum	(300K)
Facility	325 seat theatre		<ul> <li>National Underground Railroad</li> </ul>	
Features			Freedom Center	(280K)
	<ul> <li>Interactive children's exhibits</li> </ul>		Charles H. Wright Museum	(53K)
	Tour of Native American village	ies	• Indian Pueblo Cultural Center	(200K)
Ongoing	<ul> <li>Children's programs (e.g. storytelling, youth film series)</li> </ul>		DuSable Museum	(150K)
Programs	Adult continuing education pr (e.g. photography)	ograms	<ul> <li>Japanese American National Museum</li> </ul>	(100K)
	MLK Commemorative Series	(2k)	Martin Luther King Jr. Center	(580K)
Special Events	<ul> <li>Performing Arts Festival</li> </ul>	(80k)	<ul> <li>Mexican Fine Arts Center</li> </ul>	(500K)
	Cultural Festival & Market	(9k)	<ul> <li>Eiteljorg Museum of American Indian &amp; Western Art</li> </ul>	(100K)
	<ul> <li>Annual Awards Ceremony</li> </ul>	(4k)	Charles H. Wright Museum	(53K)

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes Native American, Hispanic and Asian cultural museums (2) Reginald F. Lewis Museum anticipated annual museum attendance, opened June 2005 Source: Museum Website; BCG phone survey of museum personnel

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Challenge

Too much breadth, not enough depth

Building audience affiliation given a sensitive topic

Creating compelling offerings that resonate with local and/or national visitors

**Potential Strategy** 

Focus on 1-2 themes connected with Atlanta

- African American progress (Highlight Atlanta's leadership role)
- Role of African American ministers in civil rights movements

Showcase civil rights heroes of all races Highlight inspirational aspects of civil rights movement e.g.:

- Hank Aaron's success in Major League Baseball
- Maynard Jackson's role in economic empowerment for African Americans

Offer dynamic changing exhibits

- Speaker series
- "New" art, music exhibits

Solicit ongoing input from potential local and/or national visitors on desired experience

## SUBJECT SCOPE AND FORMAT WILL AFFECT ATLANTA ATTRACTION PROGRAMMING AND COSTS

**Subject Scope** 

		Civil Rights Atlanta Focus <sup>(1)</sup>	Civil Rights National Focus <sup>(2)</sup>	
Format	Experiential (4)	Target regional and some national tourists  Small theater/meeting space  Medium scale annual event(s)  Ongoing community and educational programs  Low exhibit Size: 50-80k sq. ft. Building costs: \$20-35M Operating costs: \$20-35M Operating costs: \$3M/yr. Breaking-even requires:  50-100K visitors/yr.  *\$2M contributions/yr.	Target national tourists  Large theater/meeting space  Large annual event(s)  Medium scale cultural events (e.g. film festivals)  High exhibit turnover  Size: 100-160k sq. ft. Building costs: \$40-70M Operating costs: \$40-70M Operating costs: \$5-7M/yr. Breaking-even requires:  100-260K visitors/yr.  \$4-5M contributions/yr.	
For	Exhibition (3)	Target regional tourists and academia  Archive of Atlanta historical materials  Library/Research facilities  Programs focused on local  community  Low exhibit turnover  Size: 20-25k sq. ft.  Building costs: \$8-11M  Operating costs: \$8-11M  Operating costs: \$2M/yr.  Breaking-even requires:  40-80K visitors/yr.  ~\$1.5M contributions/yr.	Target national tourists  Archive of national historical materials  Library/Research facilities  Small to medium scale cultural  events  High exhibit turnover  Size: 50-80k sq. ft.  Building costs: \$20-35M  Operating costs: \$20-35M  Operating costs: \$3M/yr.  Breaking-even requires:  50-100K visitors/yr.  *\$2M contributions/yr.	Facilities & programs Size & costs

- (1) Atlanta Focus indicates that the attraction focuses almost entirely on telling the Atlanta story (2) National Focus indicates that the attraction focuses on telling the national story (as well as Atlanta's story)
- (3) Exhibition indicates that the attraction predominantly has museum panels and exhibits
- (4) Experiential indicates that the attraction has high-tech., interactive exhibits and cultural space

(4) Experient influences that the attraction has influenced, interfactor, cannot are continuous and continuous American attraction revenue from ticket sales, Contributions required was calculated using the average percentage of African American attraction revenue from tocket sales, Contributions Source: Museum IRS 990 Filings 2003/2004, Press articles, Museum Websites, BCG Survey, BCG Analysis

# SUBJECT SCOPE AND FORMAT WILL INFLUENCE FINAL LOCATION

## **Available Site Options**

### **Centennial Olympic Park**

- Civil Rights
- Experiential
- National Focus

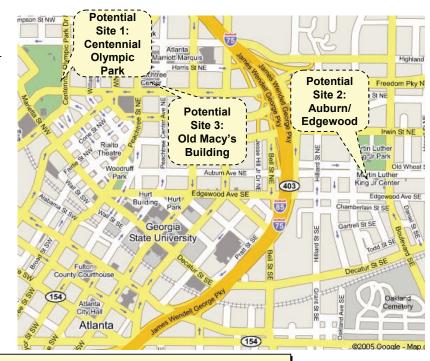
## **Auburn Edgewood**

- · Civil Rights
- Atlanta or National Focus
- Exhibition or Experiential

## Old Macy's Building

- Civil Rights
- Atlanta or National Focus
- Exhibition or Experiential

### Other?



Centennial Olympic Park site would benefit from surrounding attractions

## **CHAPTER CONTENTS**

**Initial findings** 

**Detailed benchmarking data** 

## **DETAILED BENCHMARKING CONTENTS**

General Museum	Cultural & African American Museum Benchmarking	African American	Potential Atlanta
Review		Museums	Attraction
Drivers of sustainability     Primary models     Visitor spending     Sources of funding	Analysis criteria     List of benchmarked museums     Museum landscape     Revenue breakdown     Expenses breakdown     Attendance & net income     Staff size     Museum profiles	Coming attractions Smithsonian impact Sample difficulties Sample programming Quotes from directors Online archive opportunity	Atlanta attributes     Atlanta attraction     pricing landscape     Subject matter options     Key considerations     Viable potential models

# CONSISTENT DRIVERS OF MUSEUM SUSTAINABILITY HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED DURING OUR BENCHMARKING

All 3 Categories Will Apply To Success of Civil Rights Attraction

Attendance	Earned income	Contributions	
Program mix	Admissions	Government	
Demographics	Membership	Foundations	
Demographics	Museum shop	Individuals	
Proximity to other attractions	Other	Corporate	

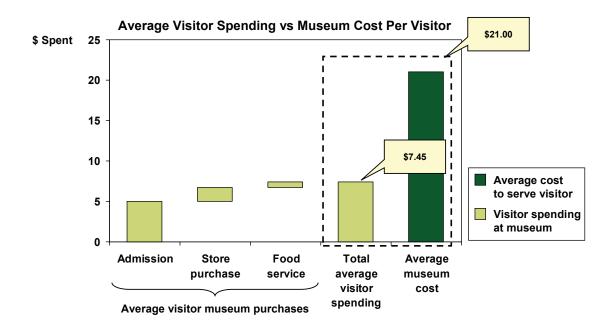
2. Benchmarking Museum review

# PRIMARY MODELS UTILIZED BY INTERACTIVE/EXPERIENCE ORIENTED HISTORIC MUSEUMS

Medium High Low Level of Construction: ~ \$25m Construction: ~ \$100m Construction: ~ \$10m Funding Run: ~ \$5m Run: ~ \$20m Run: ~ \$2m Public / Private Private/public non Private non profit with A private non profit Funding partnership with profit with some operated as a for corporate and govt Structure appropriated funds corporate and govt grants profit enterprise and donations · Appointed board, · Private operating · Org Board · Appointed board, Governance Advisory Board company lead by Several Directors • 1-2 Directors Chairman and CEO **CEO** and Directors · Highly interactive · Institute focus Interactive · Exhibitions/ gallery Multimedia Multimedia Education Some smaller Permanent and Experience · Permanent and **Exhibits** events traveling exhibits Concepts traveling exhibits Large events Small archive Large events · library and archive Restaurants Education Other facilities Archive Families Schools Families Families · Some researchers Families Schools Schools Primary Client Base Edgy young professionals Young Researchers Researchers professionals · Local Adults Geographically Local Adults diverse visitors

Museum review

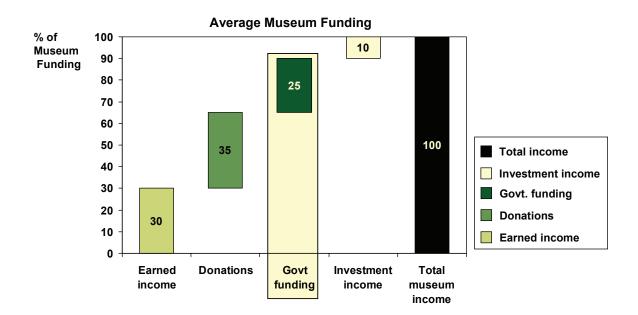
# AVERAGE VISITOR SPENDING AT MUSEUMS 3X LESS THAN AVERAGE COST TO SERVE VISITOR



Source: American Association of Museums 2003 Museum Financial Information Survey

Museum review

# ON AVERAGE 25% OF ALL MUSEUMS' FUNDING COMES FROM GOVERNMENT SOURCES



Source: American Association of Museums 2003 Museum Financial Information Survey

Museum review

## FOUR KEY TOPIC AREAS USED TO REVIEW TARGET MUSEUMS

Current and future offerings

- What African American and cultural attractions exist nationally?
- · What attractions are under development?

Construction costs

- What are benchmarked construction costs?
- · What is the typical range of square footage for an African American museum?

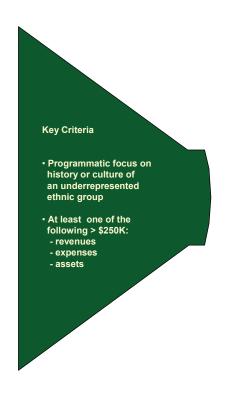
**Operations** 

- What are relevant operations for benchmarked attractions?
  - revenue mix
  - expenses mix
- What are major sources of contributions?
- · Are attractions with greater attendance more likely to be financially healthy?

**Attendance** 

- · Does proximity to other attractions affect attendance?
- Does proximity to target ethnic group affect attendance?
- · What are specific programmatic drivers of attendance?

## **IDENTIFIED 34 ATTRACTIONS FOR DETAILED BENCHMARKING**



#### **List of Targets**

African American Museum

African American Museum in Philadelphia

African American Museum of Nassau County

Agua Caliente Cultural Museum

Amigos del Museo del Barrio

Anacostia Museum and Center for African American History & Culture

**Birmingham Civil Rights Institute** 

California African American Museum

California Indian Museum &

Cultural Center

Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History

DuSable Museum of African

American History

Eiteljorg Museum of American Indian & Western Art

indian & Western Art

Great Blacks in Wax Museum

Indian Pueblo Cultural Center

Iroquois Indian Museum

Japanese American National Museum Martin Luther King Jr. Center

Martin Luther King Jr. National

**Historic Site** 

Mexican Fine Arts Center Museum

Mexican Heritage Corporation

Mexic-Arte Museum

Museo de Las Americas

Museum of Chinese in the Americas

Museum of the Cherokee Indian

National Afro-American Museum&

Cultural Center

National Civil Rights Museum

National Underground Railroad Freedom Center

Red Earth Inc

Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History

& Culture

Tubman African American Museum

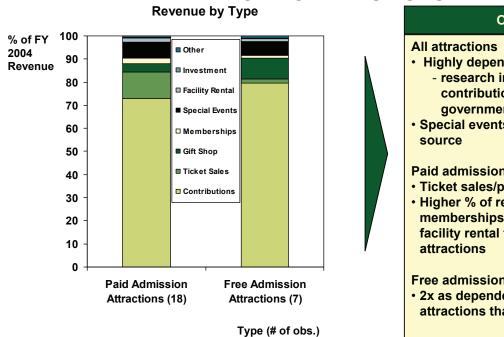
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American Indian

Wing Luke Museum

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## REVENUE REVIEW HIGHLIGHTS DEPENDENCE **ON CONTRIBUTIONS**



Source: Museum 990 IRS Filings FY 2003 & FY 2004; Museum Websites

### **Observations**

- · Highly dependent on contributions
  - research indicates majority of contributions come from government
- Special events significant revenue

#### Paid admission attractions

- Ticket sales/programs <15% of revenue</li>
- Higher % of revenue from memberships, special events and facility rental than free admission

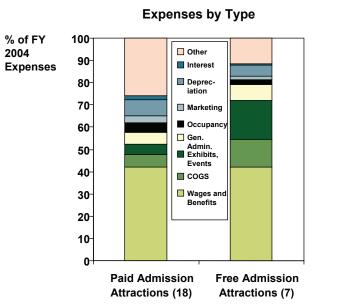
### Free admission attractions

· 2x as dependent on gift shop sales as attractions that charge admission

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# WAGES AND BENEFITS ONLY 40% OF OVERALL COST BASE Building And Exhibit Costs A Significant Portion Of Overall Expenses

## Building And Exhibit Costs A Significant Portion Of Overall E



Type (# of obs.)

#### **Observations**

Free admission attractions spend larger portion of expenses on:

- Exhibits
- Events
- Gift shop merchandise
- General administrative costs

Paid admission attractions spend larger portion of expenses on:

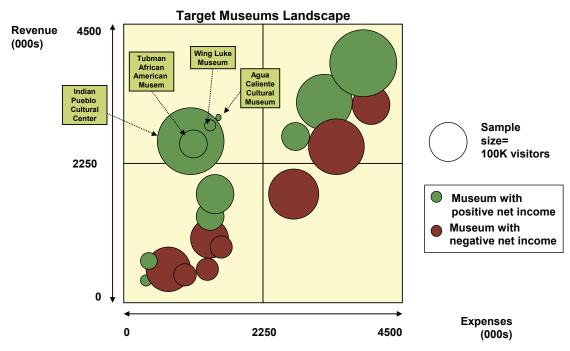
- Occupancy
- Depreciation
- Interest

Paid admission attractions spend 2x as much on marketing as free admission attractions

Source: Museum 990 IRS Filings FY 2003 & FY 2004; Museum Websites

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# POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE CASH FLOW ATTRACTIONS IDENTIFIED ACROSS REVENUE LEVELS

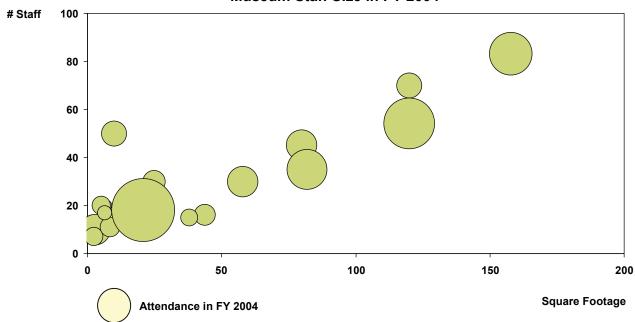


Source: Museum 990 IRS Filings FY 2003 & FY 2004; BCG Target Museum Survey

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# MUSEUM STAFF SIZE IS MORE CORRELATED WITH SIZE OF SPACE THAN WITH ANNUAL ATTENDANCE

## Museum Staff Size in FY 2004



(1) Includes Full-Time and Part-Time Staff

Source: BCG Phone Survey of Museums, Press Articles, Museum Websites

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## **PROFILE OF SUSTAINABLE MODELS:**

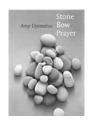
## Large Museum, Large Number of Non-Governmental Contributions

## Japanese American National Museum Los Angeles, CA











## **Highlights**

Programmatic Focus: music performances; arts and crafts classes; drum instruction; genealogy workshops; film screenings; walking tours

Annual Attendance: 100,000

FY 2004 Financials:

• \$10M operating budget

•80% contributions

Signature Events: Annual Golf Tournament;

**Dinner & Silent Auction** 

Unique Features: Includes National Resource Center that collects materials documenting the

Japanese American experience

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## **PROFILE OF SUSTAINABLE MODELS:**

## **Small Museum, Large Number of Non-Governmental Contributions**

## Wing Luke Museum Seattle, WA









## **Highlights**

Programmatic Focus: art and WWII exhibits; oral histories; walking tours

Annual Attendance: 20,000

FY 2004 Financials:

• \$1M operating budget

• 70% of funding from contributions

Signature Event: Annual Dinner & Art Auction

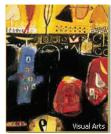
Unique Features: Building community heritage center to include oral histories, videos, archives, photographs and digital database, Smithsonian affiliation

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## PROFILE OF SUSTAINABLE MODELS:

Mid-Sized Cultural Center, Strong Local Presence

## **Mexican Heritage Corporation**









## Highlights

Programmatic Focus: dance & art classes; folklore education; theater; music

Annual Attendance: 75,000

FY 2004 Financials:

Operating budget \$1.6M

• 42% government funded

Signature Event: International Mariachi Concert and Festival

Unique Features: 55,000 sq ft facility includes theater, gallery space & thematic gardens in the heart of San Jose's Mexican community; Smithsonian affiliation

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## SAMPLE EXPERIENTIAL ATTRACTIONS

## Tubman African American Museum (Local Focus Experiential)



Programmatic Focus: African & African American art,

history and culture

Annual Attendance: 60,000

Sq footage: 8,500 (building new 49,000 sq ft facility)

#### FY 2004 Financials:

- Revenue \$2.5M;
- •Expenses \$800K
- 60% government funding

Experiential offerings: Ongoing community & children's programs; Black tie jazzfest; pan African fest

## National Underground Railroad Freedom Center (National Focus Experiential)



Programmatic Focus: Racial understanding and freedom movements; The Underground Railroad

Annual Attendance: 280,000(1)

Sq Footage: 158,000

FY 2003 Financials:(2)

- Revenue \$28.5M
- Expenses \$6.9M
- 50% government funding

Experiential offerings: Dramatic readings; genealogy research; thematic tours; interactive exhibits; video

montages; films

(2) Financials not filed for FY 2004, figures based on last phase of construction

Source: Museum Websites; BCG phone survey of museum personnel; 990 Filings FY 2003 and 2004

<sup>(1)</sup> Grand opening year, projected to be 140,000-200,000 gong forward

## MANY NEW MUSEUMS OPENING SOON

Museum	<b>Projected Opening Date</b>	<b>Building Cost</b>	Square Footage
African American Heritage Center • Louisville, KY	Ground Broken in 2003	\$25 million	44,000
Museum of the African American Diaspora • San Francisco, CA	2005	\$11 million	20,000
Civil Rights Memorial Center • Montgomery, AL	October 2005	\$3.8 million	Unknown
Tubman African American Museum Second Building • Macon, GA	2005/2006	\$15.5 million	49,000
National Museum of African American History • Harrisburg, PA	Fall 2006	\$20 million	Unknown
US National Museum of Slavery • Fredericksburg, VA	2007	\$100-200 million	250,000
Museum of African American Music • Newark, NJ	Ground Breaking 2006/2007	Unknown	100,000

Source: Press Articles, Museum Websites

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## MANY NEW MUSEUMS OPENING SOON (II)

Museum	Projected opening date	<b>Building cost</b>	Square footage
International African American Museum • Charleston, SC	Ground Breaking in 2007	\$40-60 million	60,000
Indiana Museum of African American History • Indianapolis, IN	Ground Breaking in 2007	\$50 million	120,000
Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial Center • Washington, DC	2008	\$100 million	4 acre Park
National Museum of African American History and Culture • Washington DC	2013	\$300-500 million	No Building Design

Source: Press Articles, Museum Websites

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# SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTE WILL SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACT LANDSCAPE

#### **Summary**

**National Museum of African American History and Culture** 

Scheduled Opening: 2013

**Location: Washington DC** 

Content: Slavery, Reconstruction, Harlem Renaissance,

**Civil Rights Movement** 

#### **Funding**

Estimated Cost: \$300-500 million

Federal Government: 50%

**Private Sources: 50%** 

## **Governing Model**

### **Smithsonian Board of Regents**

Appoint and Oversee Council Members

#### Museum Council

- 19 individuals serve 1-3 year terms
- · Advise Regents on
  - plan/design of museum
  - acquisitions/operations/maintenance/preservation

### Museum Director

- · Manage museum
- · Oversee educational and liaison programs

## Unresolved Issues

#### **Physical Structure**

- Four possible location sites (Nat'l Mall, Banneker Overlook, Liberty Loan, Constitution Ave.)- Decide by Dec. 2005
- · No building design

#### **Museum Focus**

No initial collection and, thus, no defined areas of concentration

**Fundraising** 

Sources: H.R. 3491, Press Articles, Museum Website

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## ATTRACTIONS WITH HIGHER ATTENDANCE OFFER MORE LARGE-SCALE PROGRAMMING

Small Museums (<100k Annual Large Museums (>100k Annual Offering Attendance) Attendance) On-site school tours and after-On-site school tours school programs Off-site school programs Children's African dance classes Summer camps programs Storytelling Carnivals Large banquets/parties/award **Symposiums** shows

**Small concerts** Family days Film festivals **Dinners MLK** commemorative services

**Guest speakers Gala concerts** Large vendor festivals MLK commemorative services **Heritage Walks** 

1-2 permanent exhibits 1-2 traveling exhibits **Facilities** 

2-10 permanent exhibits 1-5 traveling exhibits Oral history studio Computer-based learning center 100+ seat theater

Source: BCG Target Museum Survey

Adult

programs

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# AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUMS IN HIGH TOURIST AREAS FOCUS ON INCLUSIVE ATMOSPHERE & PROGRAMMING:

Responses to "What Makes Your Museum Successful?"

#### From Museums In African American Communities

the need for African

American history...

to find out about

what happened and

what continues to

happen now

we personalize the

experience for

visitors

how embedded we are in the day to day fabric of this community

our focus on telling the story that has not been told in an authentic way

Source: BCG interviews with selected museum personnel

From Museums In High Tourist Areas

our focus on programming that is interesting to people of a variety of ages and backgrounds

the historical significance of this location for all Americans

our relationship to the public... doesn't matter where you're from we do our best to welcome you

the general public's curiosity about what we can share that they have not already learned 2. Benchmarking Af-AM Specific

# EXISTING ONLINE ARCHIVES HIGHLIGHT POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITY FOR ARCHIVE IN ATLANTA

Museum	Online Offering	Comment
Anacostia Museum		Online Exhibitions, Archived Webcasts
Birmingham Civil Rights Institute	$\bigcirc$	Searchable Database of Archive Collection
California African American Museum	$\bigcirc$	Samplings of New Exhibitions
International Civil Rights Museum	$\bigcirc$	Overview of Greensboro Sit-Ins
National Civil Rights Museum	$\bigcirc$	Summary of Gallery Information
National Underground Railroad Freedom Center	•	Timeline, Biographies, Academic Articles, Listing of Underground RR sites
US National Slavery Museum	$\bigcirc$	Timeline, Facts, Games

Potential Difference of Atlanta Museum
•Searchable by Keyword
•Target both Children and Adults
•For Adults -Compilation of Journal Articles, Academic Papers, and Newspaper Archives about Civil Rights Movement -Audio/Visual of Speeches, Music, and Newscasts Online
•For Children -Short Biographies and Timelines -Games

: Limited Information

: Good Information, Not Searchable

: Good Information, Searchable

Source: Museum Websites, BCG Analysis

## ATLANTA TOURISM IS BOOMING

## A Snapshot Of Metro-Atlanta Tourism in 2003

### Magnitude

**Total tourists: 18.77M** 

Destination/overnight tourists: 17.12M

Day trip destination tourists: 15%

Overnight tourists: 85%

Length of stay for overnight tourists: 3.3 days

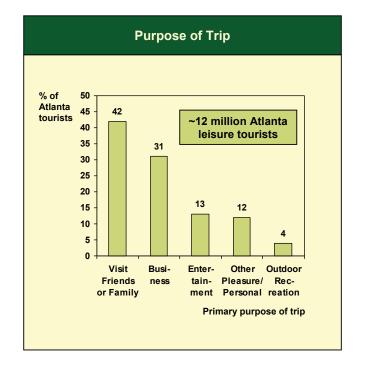
## **Direct Economic Impact on Metro-Atlanta**

Tourist expenditures: \$8.75B(1)

Employment generated: 132.6K jobs

Payroll generated: \$4.48B

Tax revenue generated: \$736M(2)



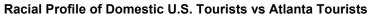
(2) State and Local Tax Revenue

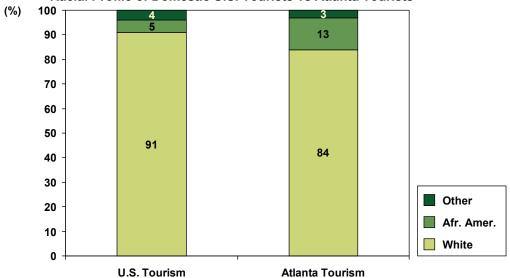
Source: "Economic Impact of Travel on Fulton County, Georgia 2003 Profile" by Travel Industry Association of America, Sept. 2004

<sup>(1)</sup> Excludes Airfare

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# AFRICAN AMERICAN TOURISTS REPRESENT SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF ATLANTA TOURISTS





**Voted #1 Top Travel Destination for African Americans** 

- Travel Industry Association of America, 2004

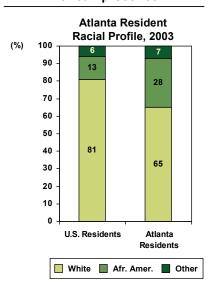
Source: "Economic Impact of Travel on Fulton County, Georgia 2003 Profile" by Travel Industry Association of America, Sept. 2004; "2003-2004 Atlanta Market Study" by The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

## ATLANTA'S AFRICAN AMERICAN POPULATION IS GROWING

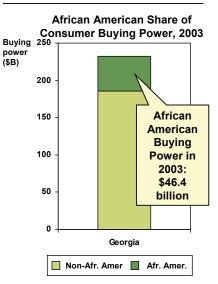
## Atlanta population is growing...

#### **Metro-Atlanta Population** (in millions) Pop. 6 5.12 4.51 2.96 3 2.23 1.76 CAGR (%) 2 1990-2008 3.1 1970 1980 1990 2003 2008

## ...with significant African American presence...



## ...and spending power

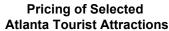


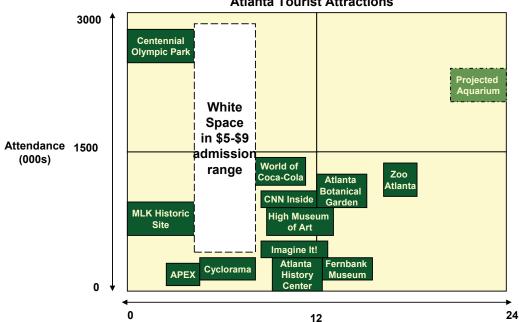
(1) 2003-2008 Population Projections from "2004 Demographics Now" Source: BCG Analysis; "2002-2003 Gallup Poll of Media Usage & Consumer Behavior- Atlanta Market";

US Census Bureau "Annual Estimates of the Population by Sex, Race and Hispanic or Latino Origin for the United States April 1, 2000-July 1, 2004"; Selig Center at the University of Georgia's Terry College of Business 2003; "African American Market Profile" by Magazine Publishers of America 2004

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# MOST CURRENT ATTRACTIONS PRICED ABOVE \$10 FOR ADULTS





Adult Admission Price (\$)

 $Source: At lanta.net \ fact \ sheet, \ Georgia \ Dept \ of \ Industry, \ Trade \ \& \ Tourism \ and \ museum \ websites$ 

## 2006 BENCHMARKING TOUR OVERVIEW

Site	National Underground Railroad Freedom Center	National Civil Rights Museum	Birmingham Civil Rights Institute
Location	Cincinnati, OH	Memphis, TN	Birmingham, AL
Date of visit	• August 15, 2006	• August 29, 2006	• September 21, 2006
Attending Team Members	<ul> <li>Brown-Olmstead, Catroppa, Curry, Dickerson, Grant, Hill (Jesse), Hill (Azira), Lewis, Lowery, Mendelsohn, Philipp, Robinson, Shipman, Young, Zainaldin</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Ahmann, Brown-Olmstead, Catroppa, Curry, Dickerson, Grant, Hill (Jesse), Hill (Azira), Lowery, McMillan, Mendelsohn, Philipp, Robinson, Young, Zainaldin</li> </ul>	Brown-Olmstead, Catroppa, Curry, Dickerson, Kelman, King, Lewis, Lowery, McMillan, Mendelsohn, Robinson, Shipman, Young, Zainaldin
Topics Discussed	<ul> <li>Concept</li> <li>Financing &amp; operations</li> <li>Attendance</li> <li>Building size &amp; design</li> <li>Traffic &amp; parking issues</li> <li>Programs</li> <li>Community support &amp; funding</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Financing &amp; operations</li> <li>Attendance</li> <li>Partnerships with other organizations</li> <li>"Static life" of museum</li> <li>Meeting/auditorium space</li> <li>How to appeal to children</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Institute's goals</li> <li>Financing &amp; operations</li> <li>Attendance</li> <li>Pre-development planning</li> <li>Meeting/auditorium space</li> <li>Challenges in obtaining artifacts</li> <li>Partnerships</li> </ul>
▲ Delta Contribution(1)	\$13,600	\$12,400	Rented a limo bus (self-funded)

(1) Assumes each First Class fare valued at \$2,000 per roundtrip ticket, and each Economy Class fare valued at \$800 per roundtrip ticket

## **KEY STATISTICS OF VISITED MUSEUM SITES**

	National Underground Railroad Freedom Center Cincinnati, OH	National Civil Rights Museum Memphis, TN	Birmingham Civil Rights Institute (BCRI) Birmingham, AL
Current and future offerings	<ul> <li>6 acres, 158K sf</li> <li>5-hour experience</li> <li>~25% of space for exhibits</li> <li>300-seat theater/lectures</li> </ul>	<ul><li>4 acres, 40K sf</li><li>19 exhibition halls (30k sf)</li><li>Freedom Award, King Day</li><li>Rotating exhibits</li></ul>	Self-guided tour     Research/archival focus     Intern/docent programs     Rotating exhibits
Planning/ Construction	<ul><li>City donated land</li><li>\$110M total: 60% building, 16% exhibits</li></ul>	<ul><li>Building purchased for \$144K in 1982</li><li>5-6 years of fundraising</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Historic Preservation Authority issued bonds</li> <li>~6 yrs. planning to opening</li> </ul>
Operations	<ul><li>&gt;60% revenue from corporate/private gifts</li><li>75 staff members</li></ul>	<ul> <li>~50% revenue from admissions &amp; shop/cafe</li> <li>~50% costs from SG&amp;A</li> </ul>	<ul><li>~40% revenue from city</li><li>Outsource shop mgmt.</li><li>30 staff members</li></ul>
Governance	<ul><li>28-person board</li><li>Community Advisory</li><li>Council</li><li>Delta &amp; Coke are partners</li></ul>	<ul> <li>23-33 board members from across nation</li> <li>Corporate, non-profit, academic partnerships</li> </ul>	BCRI Inc., a non-profit org.     City appoints board, leases building to BCRI
Attendance	<ul> <li>~170K projected for 2006</li> <li>25% school groups</li> <li>60% local attendees</li> </ul>	• ~150K annually • Feb-Aug is peak • Affordable admission	• ~140K annually, growing • 50-60% school children • Affordable admission

## NATIONAL UNDERGROUND RAILROAD FREEDOM CENTER

Summary of August 15, 2006 Site Visit, Cincinnati, OH

### **Host Group**

- Dr. Spencer Crew, President
- · Gary Dowdell, CFO
- · Naomi Nelson, VP Exhibits and Programs
- Chris Shires, Interpretive Services Manager
- · Casondra Wrigth, Development Officer
- Paul Bernish, Communications Officer
- Ernest Britton, Community Engagement Officer

### **Key Themes Discussed**

- "Museum of Conscience" engage visitors to consider civic engagement & social responsibility
- URFC model focuses on private/corporate donors over public funding
- · Integrated, cross-functional planning process
- Community involvement during planning
- Engage visitors to consider civic involvement and social responsibility, i.e. a "Museum of Conscience"

## **Key Takeaways from Host Group**

- · Be clear on content scope
- Opening debt free and with an endowment should be a goal for Atlanta effort
- Curators need to work with architects to best plan exhibit spaces and content -- form follows function
- · Think about attendee mix and their interests;
  - URFC has 60/40 mix of national/local attendees
  - School groups are significant portion of attendees
- Focus on ways to maximize utilization of auditorium/conference facilities
- Children's Museum staff and teachers helped design children's exhibits; many exhibit designers were professionals from trade shows & amusement parks
- Corporate and private donations-- look beyond local corporations for support, helps build national identity
- Allow for flexibility in strategic plan in order to adapt to evolving needs of customers/community

## NATIONAL CIVIL RIGHTS MUSEUM

Summary of August 29, 2006 Site Visit, Memphis, TN

### **Host Group**

- Beverly Robertson, President
- · Dr. Benjamin Hooks, Chairman
- · Rev. Billy Kyles, with MLK during his assassination
- Chuck Scruggs, co-founder
- J.R. "Pitt" Hyde, chair of Hyde Family Foundation, founder of AutoZone
- · Dr. Willie Herenton, Mayor of Memphis

## **Key Themes Discussed**

- · Human/civil rights through an Atlanta lens
- Tell unique story and leave impression; visitors should feel uplifted/inspired upon exiting
- Important for the space to feel "authentic" and must recreate a "sense of place"
- · Ongoing struggle for human rights

### **Key Takeaways from Host Group**

- Develop a clear mission and a unique narrative
- 10-year "static life" for a museum; must work to update content/technology faster than this lifespan
- · Consider large auditorium space
- · Creative fundraising efforts can reward you
- Children are key customer segment
- Content planners/curators and architects must collaborate during planning stages
- Strategic partnerships are important funding lifeline if not a government-funded entity
- · Strike balance between interactive and artifacts
- Spend resources to properly conserve papers and artifacts
- · Expand marketing efforts beyond local area
- · Plan carefully for labor/staffing needs

3. Site visits

# **BIRMINGHAM CIVIL RIGHTS INSTITUTE (BCRI)**

Summary of September 21, 2006 Site Visit, Birmingham, AL

#### **Host Group**

- Dr. Lawrence Pijeaux, President & CEO
- · Odessa Woolfolk, Chair Emeritus
- · Priscilla Cooper, VP of Institutional Programs
- · Carol Wells, VP of Finance & Operations
- Marie Sutton, Public Relations & Marketing Coordinator
- Angela Fisher Hall, Executive Assistant

#### **Key Themes Discussed**

- What's in a name: museum versus center/institute
- Turn tragic episode into positive message, offer hope and healing for future
- · Civil Rights Movement as a human rights endeavor
- · Improving race relations

#### **Key Takeaways from Host Group**

- Large meeting room or auditorium is needed
- Strong relationship with city essential for staying power of BCRI
- Think about ways that museum can benefit the local economy beyond the museum itself
- Tell a unique story that only Atlanta can tell
- · Seek out collaborations with other institutions
- Must capture significant sources of revenue beyond gift shop sales and admissions in order to be sustainable
- Consider outsourcing some labor and functions (e.g. gift shop staff)
- City-sponsored bond initiatives failed twice, building support was difficult
- Research focus boosts BCRI image and reputation

3. Site visits

# KEY THEMES AND IMPLICATIONS FROM SITE VISITS

#### Recurring themes from visits

#### Message/ Mission

- · Mission & content scope must be clear
- · Tell a unique & fitting story

# Location

 Needs to feel authentic – create a link to the content

#### Facility Design

 Design and structure should follow the facility's purpose and planned use

## Content

- Engage the audience, help them feel the experience, encourage them to learn more
- Leave an impression

# Finance & Operations

- Open debt-free and with an endowment
  Significant portion of financing derived
- Significant portion of financing derived from external (public & private) sources

#### Community

 Community support critical – note "community" may be both local and national

#### Marketing

 Think carefully about attendee mix (int'l vs nat'l vs local; children vs adults)

#### **Implications for Atlanta**

- Define mission early & communicate clearly
   don't let the media define mission
- Find a story only Atlanta can tell
- Obtain or recreate key artifacts, experiences
- Emphasize Atlanta's role, find ways to link site to other Atlanta sites
- Content planners need to engage architects early in the process
- · Carefully plan for meeting space needs
- Don't feel the need to tell every detail entice people to learn more on their own
- Balance experiences and artifacts
- Invite to other resources (MLK site, internet)
- Move to secure funding sources early
- Work to establish an endowment
- · Communicate all benefits (tourism, culture)
- · Form partnerships with other key orgs.
- Consider local and national board members
- Plan content and design exhibits to appeal to range of likely attendees
- Appeal to children

# THE BEST PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT IS A TWO-WAY PROCESS

#### Community/ **Working Team/** Stakeholders **Decision-makers** Concerns Preferences Civil rights leaders Development organization Ideas - Working team · Scholars & historians Expectations - Content planners - Designers & engineers Public forums Business leaders Central Atlanta Progress Surveys Partner organizations Website · Mayor's office Media · Community at large • BCG (supporting role) · Mission/goals Process and options Decisions (& rationale) Needs (funding, artifacts)

# SEVERAL CRUCIAL DISTINCTIONS IN UNDERSTANDING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROCESS

#### What it is

- Process for engaging the community by taking in community ideas, concerns and preferences and incorporating them into the final product where ever possible
- Process that signals openness and transparency for accepting ideas and recommendations
- Opportunity to create a sense of <u>ownership</u> in the project that will be crucial to long-run success
- Tool to record community expectations and measure success



#### What it is not

- Formal decision-making body
  - Ultimate decision-making power will rest with working team and development organization
- Representative of a cohesive group speaking with uniform voice
- Work product that is accomplished and then discarded
  - Input gathered must be addressed

# **COMPREHENSIVE PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT PLAN EXAMPLE:**

## Allen-Jackson Committee's Three-Pronged Approach

Public Forums  Held 2 widely publicized, heavily attended "Public Listening Forums"

Suggestion Forms

 Created and distributed 7,500 Recommendation Forms and 25 suggestion boxes in Atlanta public libraries, Atlanta City Hall, the King Center, and the Atlanta History Center



 Established an online Recommendations Form on the City of Atlanta Website

#### Additionally recommended....

Media Strategy

- Need to proactively engage the media to get out desired message
  - National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis learning: don't let the media define your mission

# **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT WORKPLAN**

Topic	Activities	Timing	Owner
Community Engagement Framework	<ul> <li>Finalize key messages to communicate</li> <li>Determine critical areas for public input</li> <li>Establish engagement process and work plan</li> </ul>	TBD	TBD
Survey	<ul><li>Draft survey content</li><li>Plan &amp; co-ordinate distribution</li></ul>		
Establish website	Determine scope, format     content     interaction capability		
Public Engagement Forums	<ul> <li>Finalize key messages, prepared content</li> <li>Project target attendance</li> <li>Book facilities, dates</li> <li>Public advertising for forums</li> </ul>		
Media Strategy	<ul> <li>Priority messages</li> <li>List of key channels (eg, AJC)</li> <li>Press release timetable</li> </ul>		

# POTENTIAL FORMAT FOR PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT FORUMS

## Introduction / Welcome (15 min.)

- Purpose of meeting (incl. very brief background and agenda)
- · Introduction of team members

## Background / History of the Project (20-30 min.)

- · Current purpose, mission, and goals
- · Decisions made to date, rationale

#### Next Steps (20-30 min.)

- Timeline moving forward
- Key questions, decisions to be made, and potential options

#### Open Floor Q & A (45-60 min.)

· Optional: pass out and collect individual surveys

Thank-you and Wrap-up (10 min.)

# POTENTIAL OUTLINE FOR ONLINE/PAPER SURVEY

# Some Key Topics To Cover

Background

- · Current purpose, mission, and goals
- · Key decisions made to date, rationale

General Preferences: Content

- · What should be the scope of the Institute?
  - Atlanta-focused vs Nat'l Civil Rights vs Int'l Human Rights
- What should be the emphasis/focus of the new Institute?
- How should the content be communicated?
  - Informative exhibits, experiential (eg., videos, recreations, demonstrations), or a mixture of both

Attendance

- · Would you visit the planned Institute? How often?
- · How important are each of these factor(s) in determining your attendance?
  - Ticket prices, special exhibitions, speaking engagements by notable civil/human rights figures, opening times, facility cleanliness, etc.

Other

- What are your concerns regarding the planned Institute?
- · What is the best history/humanitarian institute or museum you've visited? Why?

# **ESTABLISHING PARTNERSHIPS A CRITICAL SUCCESS FACTOR**

#### Several benefits to partnerships & alliances

- Sharing of artifacts for special exhibitions
- Increased public awareness through comarketing efforts
- Fundraising opportunities
- Access to special expertise and contacts
  - archiving and artifact maintenance
  - in-depth knowledge on particular content topics
  - ongoing developments in Civil and Human Rights around the world
- Increased visitation (e.g., multi-site passes and ticketing)

#### Potential initial partners (not an exhaustive list)

#### Local institutions(1)

- Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site
- The Atlanta History Museum
- The Carter Center
- The King Center
- APEX Museum
- Tubman African-American Museum
- Morehouse College
- Emory University
- Clark Atlanta University

#### **National and international institutions**

- Smithsonian Museum of African-American History and Culture
- Birmingham Civil Rights Institute
- National Civil Rights Museum
- National Underground Railroad Freedom Center

<sup>(1)</sup> May also wish to explore opportunities with other local attractions, such as the Georgia Aquarium, the World of Coca-cola, the Cyclorama, the Atlanta Zoo, the CNN Center, the Atlanta High Museum of Art, and Centennial Olympic Park, among others.

# THE ATLANTA HISTORY CENTER HAS PLEDGED ITS ASSISTANCE IN ARCHIVING AND MAINTAINING THE KING PAPERS

The following is a June 2006 letter from Jim Bruns, President & CEO of the Atlanta History Center, to Walter Massey, President of Morehouse College...

#### Walter:

Congratulations on the acquisition of the King Papers! Your efforts were essential to ensuring the safekeeping of this important legacy for Atlanta and all of us in the cultural community thank you for taking the lead on this.

The Atlanta History Center is prepared to assist you in any way necessary. As starters, we'd like to offer the use of our brand new 6,000+ changing exhibition gallery as a possible site for the display of the papers. If it will help you and Shirley in raising the money necessary to purchase the papers, we can mount an exhibition within the next 30 days using the frames and write-ups developed by Sotheby's, or using similar frames and descriptions based upon the Sotheby's catalogue, and use the exhibition as a fund-raising opportunity.

We also are willing to assist you in accessioning the papers, bringing them under your inventory control. We'll finance our involvement at no charge to Morehouse. We can do this in conjunction with your staff working on your campus, or working with our staff on our campus, As you know, we have a state-of-the art research archive center and it is available to you. Let me know how we might help.

Again, thank you for your leadership on this; it is a major accomplishment.

Jim Bruns

President & CEO, Atlanta History Center

## **KEY STEPS PRIOR TO BREAKING GROUND...**

#### **Concept/Mission Requirements**

#### Organization set up

• Likely 501(c)(3)

#### **Economic impact study**

· tourism, job creation, tax revenue impacts

#### **Financing**

- · Funding plan, endowment goals
- · Identification of financing sources
- Determination of Tax Allocation District status

#### **Determine facility requirements**

- Draft plans for content layout, exhibitions
- Estimate peak visitation
- · Determine meeting space requirements

#### Preliminary building design

- Projected size, preliminary layout
- Auxiliary needs (parking, office space)
- Spatial concepts (atrium, greenspace, etc.)

#### Finalizing building design and construction

- Evaluate, hire architect(s)
- Evaluate, hire contractor(s)

#### Technical & Legal Requirements (est. time in days)

## Site survey (30 days)

- Land planning
- · Easement assessment

#### Zoning conditions research (30-90)

- · Ensure intended use fits current zoning
- · File for re-zoning or variance(s) as necessary

#### Phase I environmental study (30)

· additional environmental studies if needed

#### **Utility infrastructure & capacity research (60)**

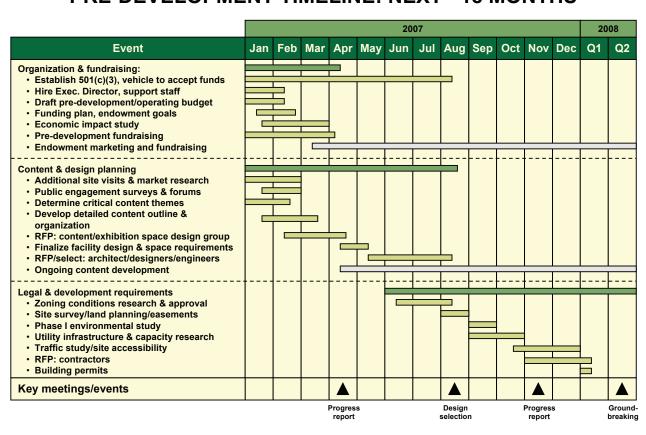
- · Water, sewer, storm sewer/drainage
- Power/gas
- · Fiber/telecom

## Traffic study / Site accessibility (60-90)

- · Determine traffic impact, needs
- Access mapping and planning

Obtain necessary building permits (30)

# PRE-DEVELOPMENT TIMELINE: NEXT ~18 MONTHS



# **WORKING TEAM MEMBERS**

Name Title Organization John Ahmann President **Ahmann Alex Bernhardt** Consultant **Boston Consulting Group Amanda Brown-Olmstead** President / CEO A. Brown-Olmstead Associates **Imara Canady Special Events Manager** City of Atlanta Dean - MLK, Jr. International Chapel Morehouse College **Lawrence Carter** Frank Catroppa Retired Superintendent - King NHS Independent **Connie Curry Author / Activist** Independent President **Dickerson Communications** Jeff Dickerson John Grant, Jr. **Chief Executive Officer** 100 Black Men of Atlanta Jesse Hill, Jr. Ret. Chair/Pres./CEO, Atlanta Life Ins. Independent **Ingrid Saunders Jones** Senior VP, Corporate External Affairs The Coca-Cola Company **Preston King** Scholar in Residence **Morehouse College Earl Lewis Provost Emory University** SCLC/W.O.M.E.N. **Evelyn Lowery** Founder / Chair **Director, Community Affairs** The Home Depot **Kevin Martinez** Pres. Emeritus, Southern Education Foundation Elridge McMillan Independent **Project Manager** Ellen Mendelsohn **Central Atlanta Progress** Alicia Philipp President The Community Foundation A.J. Robinson President **Central Atlanta Progress Doug Shipman** Manager **Boston Consulting Group Alan Wise Vice President Boston Consulting Group** City of Atlanta Lynnette Young **Chief Operating Officer** Jamil Zainaldin President **Georgia Humanities Council** 

## JOHN AHMANN

John Ahmann is a veteran public policy and economic development strategist who has facilitated several successful initiatives in Atlanta and Georgia. He is president of Ahmann, which currently provides strategic and staffing support for the Atlanta Committee for Progress, an association of top business and academic leaders brought together to collaborate with and advise Mayor Franklin and the City of Atlanta on economic development initiatives and business recruitment efforts.

Prior to the establishment of Ahmann, John was Senior Vice President of the Public Policy division for the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, where his responsibilities included managing the Chamber's quality of life and public policy initiatives. His focus areas were transportation, education, environment (water, air, land use), and the arts.

John has also served as Deputy Commissioner of Strategic Planning and Research for what is now the Georgia Department of Economic Development (DEcD.) There he was responsible for strategic planning, policy development, information technology, market research, and legislative affairs.

Prior to DEcD, John worked with the highly respected public affairs firm of Edington, Wade & Associates, which had offices in Atlanta and Washington, D.C. He began his public policy career as a staff aide on Capitol Hill, where from 1987-1991 he worked for two members of the U.S. House of Representatives, serving two years as legislative director to Georgia Congressman Ben Jones who represented the 4th Congressional District.

John's professional career also includes nearly four years as Manager of Government Relations for the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games (ACOG). While at ACOG, he developed and implemented a public policy strategy that resulted in government funding and operational support critical to ACOG in the areas of transportation and assisting athletes' families in entering the United States. John implemented specific procedures to expedite the admittance of these families, which earned him the "Hammer Award" from Vice President Al Gore, an award that honors creating efficiency in government processes.

John holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Emory University and a master's degree in public-private management from Yale University. He is an elected member of the Decatur City School Board and serves on the boards of the Georgia Public Policy Foundation, the Atlanta Neighborhood Development Partnership, Inc., Creating Pride, and the New Century Forum. He is a graduate of the Atlanta Regional Commission's Regional Leadership Institute and member of the Urban Land Institute, Downtown Rotary and the Commerce Club. In 2001, Georgia Trend magazine named John one of the "40 under 40, Georgia's brightest young stars." He lives in Decatur with his wife and two daughters.

#### AMANDA BROWN-OLMSTEAD

Amanda Brown-Olmstead, who received the Ball State University's National Public Relations Professional Achievement Award for the year 2002, is one of the PR industry's Fellows, a distinction held by approximately 300 practitioners worldwide, and is also fully accredited. She has been a member of PRSA for more than 20 years in leadership positions. She has served as Chairman of the Bronze Anvil Award, served on the Honors & Awards Committee for several years, including Silver Anvil judging, a member of the Accreditation Committee, the Ethics Committee, and the Diversity Task Force. She was on the Board of the Counselors Academy for eight years, serving as Chairman in 1999, the National Assembly Delegate at Large, Assembly Delegate and Board Member for the Georgia Chapter for several years, an Accreditation oral judge, as well as, a presenter at a variety of conferences.

Client programs under her direction have included the first three-way satellite news conference linking the mayors of Chicago, Washington, and Los Angeles; the 1986 Goodwill Games in Moscow; the development of marketing plans for the creation of the Ritz-Carlton hotel chain; a major environmental program for Waste Management tied to the Democratic and Republican National Conventions in 1988; and the nationwide roll-out of Storehouse, Inc. Ms. Brown-Olmstead's coordination of an officer recruitment project for the Atlanta Police Department won her a Silver Anvil, the highest honor given by PRSA, as did the launch of Step Aerobics. Among the 64 award-winning client programs benefiting from her direction are companies and organizations such as Turner Broadcasting System, Arthur Young (Ernst & Young), White Lily, Citibank, Fernbank Museum of Natural History, Blue Circle America, and the National Black Arts Festival.

Currently, Ms. Brown-Olmstead is a member of the Regional Business Coalition Policy Executive Committee, the Regional Business Institute, the Board of Central Atlanta Progress (CAP), the Advisory Board of Shepherd Spinal Center, the Board of the Atlanta Regional Health Forum, the Board of Councilors for The Carter Center, the Board of the Atlanta Botanical Garden, the Executive Committee of Robinson College of Business at Georgia State and chair of the Hall of Fame program, the Board of the Women's Forum of Georgia, the national Board of the Episcopal Media Center (EMC), and co-chairman of the annual dinner benefit for the EMC. She has been actively involved in the development of CAP's Downtown Improvement District and was chairman of the Public Relations/Communications Task Force for Central Atlanta Study II and the review committee for CA2P. She was Vice President of the Board of the International Women's Forum and Chair of the Georgia Chapter. She has been responsible for launching many successful community programs to include The Salute to Women of Achievement, the Young Careers membership division of the High Museum of Art and the Outstanding Atlantan Award Program. She is a former member of the Advisory Board to the Business School and the Board of Trustees of the University of Mississippi, and a past member of the Board of Visitors of Emory University.

She has been designated one of the Ten Outstanding Atlantans, was elected a member of Leadership Atlanta, was selected to be honored at Salute to Women of Achievement for YWCA, was recognized as a "Woman of Achievement" by the International Women's Forum, and is listed in Outstanding Atlantans and various Who's Who publications. She received a Gold Medal in the New York Film & TV Festival. As a member of The Order of the Phoenix, she is in the PRSA Georgia chapter Hall of Fame and has been awarded the George Goodwin Award for Public Service.

#### **IMARA CANADY**

Living in the Atlanta area since 1978, Imara currently serves as Special Assistant to the Mayor/ Special Events Manager, for the 58th Mayor of Atlanta, the Honorable Shirley Franklin. Having attended Georgia State University where he studied broadcast journalism and public relations, he began working in the radio industry, in the promotions and research departments for Power 99FM and Z-93. Upon leaving the radio world, Imara decided to pursue his love for the arts and landed a role as the lead male actor/vocalist with the international tour of Australia's Wildfire World Theater's Production of "Wallukaga and the Kabaka,"where he also recorded his first CD. At the conclusion of the tour, Imara returned to Atlanta to continue in the arts world, working for the Cultural Olympiad for the 1996 Centennial Olympic Games and then for the 1996 Paralympics Games. It was during the games that Imara's life took a complete shift, when he was asked by former Mayor Bill Campbell to join his administration, serving as Special Project Coordinator.

In this capacity, Imara was again able to utilize his creativity, hosting a 1-hour public affairs show which aired on City Channel 26, as well as have the opportunity to impact the lives of thousands of young people through his work in the educational arena with then First Lady Sharon Campbell and in his responsibility to work with various community leaders, corporations and high profile entertainers to produce and implement long-term, community based projects. During his time with the Campbell administration, Imara managed the Mayor's Collegiate Council, the City of Atlanta Youth Ambassadors and developed numerous community service initiatives. Upon leaving the Mayor's Office, Imara continued in the political world, traveling with Vice-President Al Gore, where he was responsible for planning and executing official events across the nation for Vice-President and Mrs. Gore, as well as serving as a liaison between the White House and local community leaders, media outlets and organizers. In June 2000, Imara was asked to move to Nashville, Tennessee to join the Gore/Lieberman National Presidential Campaign, where he served as Budget Manager and was responsible for a multi-million dollar budget. At the end of the campaign, Imara returned to Atlanta, and started his own event planning firm, which he produced several successful events for a plethora of local non-profit organizations in the Atlanta area. Thinking that he would no longer work in the political arena, Imara's life was once again transformed, in January 2001, when he was asked to join the Committee to Elect Shirley Franklin for Mayor, where he served as Communications Director/ Press Secretary for what became one of the most historical campaigns, both electing the first female Mayor of Atlanta and the first African American female Mayor of a major southern city, as well as having the candidate successfully win the election without a run-off. At the completion of the Mayor's 2002 Inaugural activities, Imara returned to City Hall, joining the Mayor's Staff

Under the Franklin Administration, Imara manages the legal processes for over one hundred outdoor events that occur in Atlanta, is the city's liaison with the film/music/entertainment community, as well as works on several special initiatives for the Mayor, such as the NASCAR Hall of Fame bid, Civil Rights Museum and King Paper's acquisition project. He has played a crucial role in attracting several large-scale events to the city, as well as being intimately involved in solidifying the logistics for numerous films to be filmed in Atlanta.

Imara is an active member of the Baha'i' Faith, and exhibits his love an commitment to making a difference in the community, currently serving on 13 different non-profit boards, including AID Atlanta, the American Red Cross Minority Recruitment, the Atlanta Association of Black Journalists and the United Way 211.

A lover of the arts, Imara also serves on the boards for the Horizon Theater Company, Moving in the Spirit, the Community Relations Board for the High Museum of Art, the Dallas Austin Foundation and R&B Hip Hop for Humanity. He has received several honors including a 2003 S.E. Regional Emmy Award, Outstanding Atlantan in 2002, the 2001 AABJ Volunteer of the Year Award and is currently a member of the 2006-2007 Leadership Atlanta class.

A resident of Southeast Atlanta, Imara strives to live by the phrase form the writings of his faith, which states that, "service to humanity is service to God."

## LAWRENCE CARTER

Lawrence Edward Carter Sr., is the first Dean of the Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel and tenured Professor of Religion, and College Curator at Morehouse College since 1979. He is also an adjunct professor at the Morehouse School of Medicine in the Master of Public Health Program. For forty-five years, Dr. Carter has studied and worked in fourteen American universities, colleges, and professional schools, spoken at over eighty different colleges, universities, and seminaries, and received over five-hundred speaking engagements from eighteen denominations, and traveled to thirty-three foreign countries. He has made over sixty radio and television appearances, including nationwide in England, Canada, Japan, New Zealand, Australia, South Africa, and continent wide in Africa.

Lawrence Carter was born in Dawson, Georgia, and reared in Columbus, Ohio. He holds the B.A. degree from Virginia University of Lynchburg in Social Science and Psychology, and the M. Div. degree in Theology, the S.T.M. degree in Pastoral Care, and the Ph.D. degree in Pastoral Care and Counseling from Boston University. He did further study at Andover Newton Theological School, The Ohio State University, Harvard University, Georgia State University, New York University, The University of Wisconsin at Madison, Brown University, Spelman College and George Washington University. He holds certifications in multi-disciplinary clinical training, clinical pastoral education, the editing of historical documents, and community non-violent training. He is also a licensed and ordained Baptist minister. He was a 1994 Fulbright Scholar in Brazil, and twice a National Endowment for the Humanities fellow, in 1993 and 1996.

Currently, Professor Carter teaches Psychology of Religion, Religion and Ethics, and The Life and Thought of Mohandas K. Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr., at Morehouse College. He also teaches Introduction to Spirituality and Health at the Morehouse School of Medicine. From 1982 to 2000, he lectured annually at the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta on "Campus Ministry". From 1996 to 2002, Dr. Carter was a visiting Professor at Bates College in Lewiston, Maine. Each year at Bates he led a seminar at the Benjamin Elijah Mays Institute. While a member of the Boston University staff, he served as Baptist Counselor, Residential Counselor, Executive Director of the Martin Luther King Jr. Afro American Center, and Associate Dean of Daniel L. Marsh Chapel. At the Harvard University Divinity School, he team-taught a course on "Orientation to Ministry." Later he served as Coordinator of Afro-American Studies at Simmons College.

Scholars Press published Dr. Carter's Centennial Festschrift, honoring Benjamin Elijah Mays, Mercer University Press published the second edition in paperback titled, Walking Integrity: Benjamin Elijah Mays as Mentor to Martin Luther King, Jr. Weatherhill Press published Dr. Carter's Global Ethical Options, in the Tradition of Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Daisaku Ikeda first edition in 2001. An Indian edition was published by Gandhi Media Centre, in New Delhi and Madurai, in 2005. Fifty-six of Dr. Carter's articles have appeared in The Journal of The Interdenominational Theological Center, The Journal of Pastoral Care, The Howard University Journal of Religious Thought, Black Family Magazine, The Oracle, Nexus, Freeing the Spirit, Boston University Currents, Morehouse College Bulletin, The Atlanta Inquirer, The Atlanta Constitution, The National Baptist Voice, Atlanta University's Phylon, The Boston Globe, The Journal of African Civilizations, World Tribune, Seikyo Shimbun, The Journal of Oriental Studies in Japan, and Living Buddhism, Science of Mind Magazine, Gekkan Pumpkin, Focus, World Tribune and the Journal of the African-American Pulpit. Dr. Carter has also published at the invitation of the National Council of Churches of Christ, U.S.A.

Lawrence Carter is the recipient of and administrator for numerous budgets, fellowships, gifts, grants, and an endowment totaling over three million eight-hundred thousand dollars. At the request of Dean Carter, the National Council of Churches established an Ecumenical AmeriCorps Scholarship Awards Program at King Chapel in 1998. He solicited from the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc. a gift of one-hundred thousand dollars to erect the only statue in the state of Georgia honoring Martin Luther King Jr., on the Plaza of the King Chapel at Morehouse College. He has organized and funded twelve national conferences at Boston University, Morehouse College, and in New York City. Annually, he coordinates Science and Spiritual Awareness Week for Morehouse College.

Dr. Carter is the founder and sole fundraiser for Morehouse College's International Hall of Honor that consists of one hundred thirty original oil portraits of distinguished leaders in the civil and human rights nonviolent movement. The portraits by Ho Eun Chung are valued at over nine-hundred thousand dollars. He also founded the five-hundred member Martin Luther King, Jr. Chapel Assistants Preseminarians Program at Morehouse in 1979. He has raised over two-hundred fifty thousand dollars in scholarship funds for the Morehouse Chapel Assistants. On April 1, 2000 he founded the Gandhi Institute for Reconciliation at Morehouse on Millennium Sunday.

On Century Sunday, April 8, 2001, the Inaugural Gandhi-King-Ikeda Community Builder's Prize of the Morehouse Chapel was conferred on His Royal Highness Prince El Hassan bin Talal of Jordan and a two thousand square feet legacy of peace traveling exhibition on Mahatma Gandhi, Dr. Martin Luther King, and Dr. Daisaku Ikeda was dedicated on March 31, 2001. On May 3rd, Dr. Carter delivered the Founding Address for the undergraduate campus of Soka University of America in Aliso Viejo, California, and the inaugural lecture titled, "Growing Up Into Democracy's Crown." He is also a member of the Board of Trustees of Soka University of America and a member of the Board of Visitors of the Mercer University School of Theology, 2001 to 2003.

Dr. Carter has received over sixty honors and recognitions, including having been voted Faculty Member of the Year for 1985 by the Morehouse College student newspaper; a member of the 1986 Class of Leadership Atlanta. Six times he was elected as a delegate to international religious assemblies and selected as a Bible Study Leader for the Sixth Assembly of the World Council of Churches, Vancouver, Canada, 1983. He was a delegate to the Eleventh Baptist Youth World Conference of the Baptist World Alliance in Glasgow, Scotland in 1988, and has received three honorary doctorate degrees in Divinity, Humanities, and Religious Studies from his alma mater, Lewis University, and Al al-Bayt University in Jordan, respectively. On May 29, 1993, Dr. Carter was elevated to the degree of Sublime Prince, 32nd degree of the Prince Hall Masons by the Atlanta Consistory and is a member of the W.C. Thomas Lodge. He has been recognized for singly researching and selecting the site of the new historic Ebenezer Baptist Church edifice on Auburn Avenue in Atlanta, Georgia. He is also a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. In 2001 and 2004, Dean Carter was a delegate to the Second and Third Synthesis Dialogue in Trent, Italy and Castel Gandolfo, Italy, respectively, with the Dalai Lama of Tibet, convened by The Association of Global New Thought. Dr. Carter was also a speaker at the 2004 Parliament of the World's Religions in Barcelona, Spain, the Club of Rome and the Arab Thought Forum in Amman, Jordan in 2004.

Dr. Carter is married to Dr. Marva Griffin Carter. Mrs. Carter is currently a tenured Associate Professor of Music History and Literature at Georgia State University where she also served as Director of Graduate Studies in the School of Music. The Carters are the parents of one son, Lawrence Edward Carter, Jr. Young Carter is a sixth generation Georgian and a sophomore at Morehouse College.

# FRANK CATROPPA

Frank Catroppa retired from the position of Superintendent, Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site, on January 3rd, 2006. He held this position since January, 1998. Catroppa retires with 40 years of federal service, including 32 years with the National Park Service.

One of nearly 400 National Parks across the country, the MLK National Historic Site preserves and interprets the places in Atlanta, Georgia where revered civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr. was born, worshipped, worked and is buried. The site includes Dr. King's birth home, historic Ebenezer Baptist Church, Dr. King's gravesite, Freedom Hall, a Visitor Center Museum, and historic Fire Station No. 6.

As Superintendent, Catroppa was an active member of the Atlanta Convention & Visitors Bureau, Central Atlanta Progress, and Sweet Auburn Business Improvement Association. He has spearheaded establishment of the fledgling Historic District Business Association for merchants along Auburn and Edgewood Avenues. In 2005, Catroppa was recipient of Central Atlanta Progress' prestigious "Community Leadership Award" granted annually by the downtown Atlanta economic engine, which cited the superintendent's leadership of numerous initiatives with civic impact, including the \$5 million restoration of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s home church, exhibition of the critically lauded "Without Sanctuary: Lynching Photography in America," commissioning of a transportation feasibility study for Atlanta tourist attractions, and the 2004 launch of the "International Civil Rights Walk of Fame" with former Turner Broadcasting executive and media legend Xernona Clayton. He was also selected for the Atlanta Business Chronicle 2005 Who's Who in Hospitality, an annual listing of leaders in one of Atlanta's principal industries.

Prior to joining the MLK National Historic Site, Catroppa worked in the Southeast Regional Office of the National Park Service, based in Atlanta. Since 1973, he held a variety of management positions, including Chief of Staff, Associate Regional Director for Administration, Associate Regional Director for Park Operations and Personnel Officer.

Catroppa graduated from St. Joseph's University (Pennsylvania) with a B.S. degree in Psychology in 1964 and received an Ed.M. in Counseling Psychology from Temple University in 1970.

A native of Philadelphia, Catroppa resides with his wife, Linda, in Decatur, Georgia and has two adult children.

#### CONSTANCE CURRY

Constance Curry is a writer, activist, and a fellow at the Institute for Women's Studies, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia. She has a Juris Doctor degree from Woodrow Wilson College. Curry did graduate work in political science at Columbia University and was a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Bordeaux in France. She earned her B.A. degree in History, graduating Phi Beta Kappa and Summa Cum Laude from Agnes Scott College in Decatur, Georgia. She was a Fellow at the University of Virginia's Carter G. Woodson Institute, Center for Civil Rights, Charlottesville.1990-91.

Curry is the author of several works, including her award winning book, Silver Rights (Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill, 1995; Paper back Harcourt Brace, 1996), which won the Lillian Smith Book Award for nonfiction in 1996 and was a finalist for the 1996 Robert F. Kennedy Book Award.; and was named the Outstanding Book on the subject of Human Rights in North America by the Gustavus Myers Center for the Study of Human Rights. With an introduction by Marian Wright Edelman, Silver Rights tells the true story of Mrs. Mae Bertha Carter and her family's struggle for education in Sunflower County, Mississippi. The Carters were Mississippi Delta sharecroppers living on a cotton plantation in the 1960s and dared to send seven of their thirteen children to desegregate an all-white school system in 1965 after the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Her most recent book is Mississippi Harmony with Ms. Winson Hudson, published fall 2002 by Palgrave/St, Martin's press, which tells the life story of Mrs. Hudson, a civil rights leader from Leake County, Miss., who also challenged segregation in the 1960s.. Curry also collaborated in and edited Deep in Our Hearts: Nine White Women in the Freedom Movement (University of Georgia Press, 2000) and the book Aaron Henry: the Fire Ever Burning (University Press of Mississippi, 2000). She is presently working on/editing the memoirs of Bob Zellner, the first male white field secretary for the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee in 1961-67.

From 1957 to 1959, she was Field Representative, Collegiate Council for United Nations, New York City. From 1960 to 1964, she was the Director of the Southern Student Human Relations Project of U. S. National Student Association, Atlanta, Georgia, developing programs for black and white college students to communicate and organize. During that period, she was the first white woman on the executive committee of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee during its campus-based years, and was often their "designated observer" for sit-ins and other demonstrations. From 1964 to 1975, Curry was Southern Field epresentative for the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC). From 1975 to 1990, she was City of Atlanta Human Services Director—Mayors Jackson and Young appointee.

Curry is the producer of a newly released documentary film "The Intolerable Burden," (winner of the John O'Connor film award)based on her book Silver Rights, but showing today's resegregation in public schools and the fast track to prison for youth of color. As activist/participant and a writer/intellectual holding a law degree, Connie Curry has helped illuminate the struggle for justice.

# **JEFF DICKERSON**

Jeff Dickerson is president of Dickerson Communications, a public affairs firm that offers public relations, issues-management and media consulting services to private- and public-sector clients. Some of those clients include MARTA, SCANA Energy, the Georgia Department of Labor, SCG Pipeline, Inc., Kaiser Permanente, the Georgia Bankers Association and others.

Dickerson served as a journalist for 22 years, spending most of that time crafting and honing arguments for the editorial pages of The Detroit News and The Atlanta Journal.

As an editorial writer for The Atlanta Journal, Dickerson specialized in some of the editorial page's most complicated and controversial topics, including federal budgets, taxation, Social Security reform, state and local issues and analyses of appellate and U.S. Supreme Court rulings.

He took a three-year hiatus from editorial writing to launch the Atlanta Journal Constitution's community news weekly, CityLife. He has also served as a reporter, deputy metro editor and in many other newsroom capacities.

Dickerson is the recipient of numerous journalistic awards, and continues to write opinion pieces for the Atlanta Business Chronicle and The Atlanta Tribune. He also serves as a regular panelist on WAGA Fox 5's Sunday public affairs show, "Georgia Gang," which has been on the air weekly for 14 years.

He has interviewed literally hundreds of politicians, from local officials to top Washington office-holders, including two interviews with the current United States president during the presidential campaign. He has participated in thousands of editorial board meetings with politicians, leading business officials and other news subjects.

Dickerson is married to Vonda Wright Dickerson of Milledgeville. They have two children, Lia, 7, and Adam, 3. He is also the proud father of three boys from a former marriage, Jeffrey Jr., 22, John, 17, and Joel, 15. All reside in South DeKalb.

# JOHN GRANT, JR.

John Thomas Grant, Jr. became CEO of 100 Black Men of Atlanta, Inc. (100) in 2001, and has been a member of the organization for almost 20 years. As CEO, Grant is responsible for managing the organization's day-to-day growth and direction. Under his leadership, the 100 has attained a level of visibility and prominence that underscores the importance of the philanthropic mission established by its founders.

Grant currently serves on several boards including, The Alliance Theater, The American Red Cross Southern Region, True Colors Theater Company, Central Atlanta Progress and the Atlanta Convention & Visitors Bureau. He also serves on the Emory University Board of Advisors.

Mr. Grant's achievements have been well recognized throughout Atlanta. He has participated in such programs as Leadership Atlanta, Leadership Georgia and The Diversity Leadership Academy. He also has been selected by the Atlanta Business Chronicle as one of 96 Most Influential Atlantans, voted Outstanding Young Atlantan and selected as the WTBS Super Citizen of the Week. He has been a recipient of the President of the United States' Service Award and Atlanta Technical College's Bridge Builder Award.

# JESSE HILL, JR.

Born in St. Louis, Missouri on May 30, 1926, Hill arrived in Atlanta in 1949 after completing a Bachelor of Science in math and physics from Lincoln University and an MBA in Actuarial Science from the University of Michigan. Joining the Atlanta Life Insurance Company initially as an actuarial assistant, Hill rose to become the firm's third president, chief executive officer, and chairman of the Executive Committee in 1973.

As an executive and CEO of the largest African-American owned financial institution in America, he continued to build upon the company's strong tradition of supporting human and civil rights activism. Over the course of his successful career, Hill has compiled a long list of "door-opening firsts" for African-Americans.

Appointed by Mayor Allen to chair the bargaining committee that negotiated the purchase of what was to become Metropolitan Area Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA), Hill was the first African American member to sit on MARTA's Board of Directors. He also was the first African-American selected to serve on the Board of Regents for the University System of Georgia. In 1977, he was elected president of the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, the first African-American to hold such a position in a major U.S. city. He also was elected as the first black member of the Board of Trustees of the Commerce Club, the elite venue of Atlanta's previously all-white power structure.

In addition, Hill has served on the boards of a number of corporations, including Comsat, Delta Air Lines, Knight Ridder, Morse Shoes, National Service Industries, Rich's, S & H Corporation, and SunTrust, often as the first minority member. For the past 25 years, he has served as chairman of the Board of Governors Opportunity Funding Corporation (OFC), a Washington, D.C. based organization committed to promoting and facilitating the development of minority business enterprise.

During the 1960s, Hill directed his company to quietly underwrite civil rights initiatives throughout the South, such as providing bail money to release individuals arrested in sit-ins and other protests. For over fifteen years, he also served as chairman of the Board of Directors of the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Social Change. In addition, Hill served on the Board of Directors and in various leadership capacities for the local chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). Hill also founded The Atlanta Inquirer, the weekly newspaper that became the voice of the civil rights movement in Atlanta.

But it is as a political leader in the city of Atlanta that Hill has had perhaps his most lasting impact. Soon after his arrival, he quickly became acquainted with most of the key leaders of the city through the auspices of the Hungry Club. Located at the Butler Street YMCA where Hill first resided, the club provided the only forum at that time where black and white leaders could engage in serious dialogue on contemporary issues.

Head of virtually every major voter registration drive in the black community during the 60's, Hill chaired the All Citizens Registration Committee, precursor to a political organization that has since nurtured the careers of Atlanta's last four mayors. Consequently, he served as campaign chairman for Maynard Jackson, elected in 1973 as the first black mayor of a major city in the South; and Andrew Young, the first black elected to Congress from Georgia and the South since Reconstruction.

# **INGRID SAUNDERS JONES**

Ingrid Saunders Jones is senior vice president of The Coca-Cola Company and chair of The Coca-Cola Foundation. In her capacity as senior vice president of corporate external affairs, Ms. Jones directs the vision and involvement of The Coca-Cola Company in community, philanthropic and civic affairs.

As chair of The Coca-Cola Foundation, she leads the Company's philanthropic commitment to education. Under her leadership, The Coca-Cola Foundation has contributed more than \$180 million to education including scholarships and programs for students of color, first generation college scholarships, and initiatives to increase the academic success of students in public and secondary schools. In addition, Ms. Jones serves on the board of The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation which provides scholarships to high school students from across the country, and Camp Coca-Cola which is a year-round program of leadership development, camping, community service and education preparing young people for success.

Earlier in her career, Ms. Jones spent three years as executive assistant to the Honorable Maynard Jackson, then mayor of Atlanta, and two years as legislative analyst for the president of the Atlanta City Council, Mr. Carl Ware. She is a former executive director of the Detroit Wayne County Child Care Coordinating Council and also taught in the public schools of Detroit and Atlanta.

A native of Detroit, Ms. Jones earned a bachelor's degree in education at Michigan State University and a master's degree in education at Eastern Michigan University. In recognition of her work in the corporate world, as well as her many contributions to civic and community causes, Ms. Jones' alma mater, Michigan State University, honored her with an honorary Doctor of Humanities Degree, an honor she has also received from the Atlanta College of Art.

A teacher by training, Ms. Jones' commitment to education and community development extends beyond the doors of the Coca-Cola corporate headquarters. She currently chairs the Board of Councilors for the Carter Center, the leadership advisory group that serves to promote the Center's activities among private-sector opinion leaders. She is a board member of the Apollo Theater Foundation, Clark Atlanta University, Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Girls Inc., The Ohio State University President's Council on Women, the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies at Georgia State University, and the Woodruff Arts Center. She also is a member of the Rotary Club of Atlanta, the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, the Links and the Society of International Business Fellows.

Recognition of her work and contributions also include the National Urban League's 2006 "Women of Power" award, the 2005 "365 Black" award sponsored by The McDonald's Corporation, the National Urban League's 2004 Leadership Award; the American Jewish Committee – Atlanta Chapter's Institute of Human Relations Award; the Woman of Achievement Award from the YWCA of Greater Atlanta; the National Council for Research on Women's Women Who Make A Difference Award; The President's Award from Morehouse College; The Ohio State University Foundation's John B. Gerlach Development Award; Georgia State University School of Business Hall of Fame; and the NAACP Legal and Education Fund's National Equal Justice Award— among others.

#### PRESTON KING

Born in Albany Georgia, Preston King is a political philosopher who earned his B.A. (Phi Beta Kappa) from Fisk, and M.Sc. (Econ) (Mark of Distinction) and Ph.D. from the London School of Economics (University of London). Dr. King was also educated at the Universities of Vienna (Austria), Strasbourg and Paris (France). He began his career as a lecturer first at The LSE, then Keele University, and then the University of Ghana. He lived and worked outside the USA for forty years in opposition to the segregationist regime in the country.

Dr. King is currently a Distinguished Visiting Professor of political science at Fisk University where he teaches a course in International Political Economy with its emphasis on the practical policy implications of the doctrine of political 'Realism'. He is also a Scholar in Residence at Morehouse College (Atlanta), Visiting Professor at the University of East Anglia (UK), and Professor Emeritus at Lancaster University. Dr. King has held Chairs in Nairobi and Sydney with visiting professorships at McGill, Australian National University, The London School of Economics, Yaoundé (Cameroon), Suva (Fiji), and University of the South Pacific.

Dr. King is CEO of CONANDEAG, Chair of the Political Philosophy Research Committee of the International Political Science Association (IPSA), and founder and co-editor of the Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy (CRISPP). Dr. King has authored many books including Fear of Power, The Ideology of Order, An African Winter, Toleration, Federalism and Federation and Thinking Past a Problem. He has also edited such books as The History of Ideas, The Challenge of Friendship to Modernity, Trust in Reason, and Black Leaders and Ideologies in the South. His latest edited book, Friendship in Politics, will appear in 2007. While Dr. King's primary concern has centered on the theorization of institutions, Friendship in Politics theorizes that liberty is increasingly running into the sands of alienation, anomie and escalating social tension. He does not believe that the ideal of liberty can or should be abandoned but that there is now need to shift the paradigm more energetically in the direction of a friendship society grounded in open discussion, extensive social tolerance, and avoidance of dogma.

## **EARL LEWIS**

Earl Lewis is Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and the Asa Griggs Candler Professor of History and African American Studies. Before joining the Emory faculty in July 2004, Earl served as dean of the Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies and vice provost for academic affairs/graduate studies at the University of Michigan. He was the Elsa Barkley Brown and Robin D.G. Kelley Collegiate Professor of History and African American and African Studies and formerly director of the Center for Afro-American and African Studies. From 1984 to 1989 he was on the faculty in the department of African American Studies at the University of California, Berkeley.

Earl, who holds degrees in history and psychology, is author and co-editor of seven books, among them In Their Own Interests: Race, Class and Power in 20th Century Norfolk (University of California Press, 1993) and the award-winning To Make Our World Anew: A History of African Americans (Oxford University Press, 2000). Between 1997 and 2000 he co-edited the eleven-volume The Young Oxford History of African Americans. Earl co-authored the widely acclaimed Love on Trial: An American Scandal in Black and White, published in 2001 by WW Norton. His most recent books are The African American Urban Experience: Perspectives from the Colonial Period to the Present, co-edited and published with Palgrave (2004), and the co-written Defending Diversity: Affirmative Action at the University of Michigan, published by the University of Michigan Press (2004).

Earl has also written essays, articles, and reviews on different aspects of American and African American history that have appeared in many academic journals. He is a current or past member of a number of editorial boards and boards of directors.

In 1999, Earl was a recipient of Michigan's Harold R. Johnson Diversity Service Award. He received the 2001 University of Minnesota's Outstanding Achievement Award given to a distinguished graduate. And Concordia College honored him with an honorary degree in 2002.

Spouse: Susan Whitlock

#### **EVELYN GIBSON LOWERY**

Since the early days of the Civil Rights Movement, Mrs. Evelyn Gibson Lowery has been a community activist. In demonstrations and marches, and amid attempted bomb threats, she chose not to sit in the background but continued to be an active participant. "Having been a part of the movement from the beginning, I knew women had made significant contributions over the years and it was time for women to come to the forefront, "stated Mrs. Lowery.

She marched in the Selma-Montgomery march in 1965 and the anniversary Marches thereafter; she was shot at twice in her car, narrowly escaping death, by the KKK in Decatur, Alabama during a peaceful protest by SCLC in defense of a young, Black man, Tommy Lee Hines in 1979; marched from Carrollton, Ala. To Washington, D.C. in support of extending the Voting Rights Act in 1982; jailed in Washington, DC at the South African Embassy while demonstrating for the abolishment of apartheid in 1984; jailed in Atlanta in the Winn-Dixie protest over selling products made in South Africa in 1985; and jailed in Henderson, N.C., over dumping toxic waste (PCB's) in black and poor neighborhoods; spending the night in jail at all three locations.

In 1979, she founded SCLC/Women's Organizational Movement For Equality Now, Inc. to champion the rights of women, children, and families and responding to the problems of the poor and disenfranchised; became incorporated and an independent 501 (C) (3) nonprofit organization.

Mrs. Evelyn G. Lowery and SCLC/W.O.M.E.N., Inc. were among the first to support the Mothers of the missing and murdered children in Atlanta. Was appointed by Mayor Maynard Jackson to serve on a 5-member committee during the murdered and missing children episode in Atlanta. In cooperation with the City of Atlanta, following the murdered and missing children tragedies, she created the annual children's Christmas Party in 1979 to spread the joy of the Christmas season to thousands of youth annually.

Mrs. Lowery's outstanding accomplishments include organizing the metropolitan Atlanta Christmas Party for the seniors in 1980, saluting over 1,400 seniors annually at this event.

Mrs. Lowery led SCLC/W.O.M.E.N, INC., to found the Empowerment Training Center for GED/Computer Training in 1988 funded by the Kellogg Corporation; the Girls to Women Bridging the Gap Mentoring program in 1995; has awarded over \$350,000 in scholarships to high school seniors through Oratorical contests. Was appointed by Mayor Maynard Jackson to serve on a 5-member committee-during the murdered and missing children episode in Atlanta-providing arrangements for the Families. Under her leadership, 1994, a Toy Gun Exchange and a national Stop the Killing Quilt was created representing pictures memorializing youth killed violently, which has been displayed in schools, municipal buildings and twice in Washington, D. C. with Jim and Sara Brady.

A Child Abuse Conference was held in 2005; several Domestic Violence awareness projects were held in October 2005 in Atlanta and New York.

Mrs. Lowery created the "Drum Major for Justice" Awards Dinner at the time of Dr. King's assassination date, honoring persons making outstanding contributions in 1980. The oldest copyrighted ceremony commemorating the assassination of Dr. King.

She created the two-day motor-coach, Evelyn Gibson Lowery Civil Rights Heritage Tour in 1987, taking thousands to Alabama, tracing steps of the Civil Rights movement. She has erected 12 monuments of Icons of the movement throughout Alabama: Viola Liuzzo, Jimmie Lee Jackson, Albert Turner, Sr., Rev. James Orange, Civil Rights Freedom Wall of Perry County, Rev. Hosea Williams, Congressman John Lewis, Mr. Earl T. Shinhoster, Rev. James Reeb, The Civil Rights Freedom Wall of Selma and Dallas County, Alabama and a monument for Marie Foster and Amelia Boynton Robinson. Latest for Mrs. Rosa Louise Parks, at Alabama State University.

Received funding for National HIV/AIDS Education Training in 5 cities in 1985. National Conference was held in Atlanta in 1986; a National Conference was held in Washington, D.C. at Howard University in 1987; Regional Conferences in Georgia in 1987, in Albany, Augusta, Macon and Savannah; a Minister's Conference at ITC; Developed a Church AIDS Program administered in five cities; Atlanta, Detroit, Kansas City, Dayton, and Tuscaloosa, Alabama. An AIDS play, "Choices" was produced by SCLC/W.O.M.E.N., Inc. and shown around the country – funded by AMFAR. HIV/AIDS education materials have been shared in South Africa and she as been engaged in many HIV/AIDS screenings and testing. Sent HIV/AIDS material to South Africa through the African American Renaissance Association. She coordinated a booklet of sermons from ministers around the country to be used as a guide for ministers on behalf of the Dionne Warrick Foundation.

Mrs. Lowery chaired a Luncheon, "A Salute to South African Women", in Atlanta in support of Winnie Mandela, in 1990. Mrs. Lowery was a member of a peace delegation to the Middle East, a peace delegation to Central America and the Africa Renaissance Dinner in Durban, South Africa in 1998, honoring Nelson Mandela's retirement. She traveled to East Berlin for the dedication of a school named for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. She led the purchase and renovation of the historic Tabor Building on Auburn Avenue in 1995, which houses the offices and programs of the organization. She organized a Memorial services in Atlanta in memory of Dr. Betty Shabazz, Mrs. Rosa Louise Parks, and Mrs. Coretta Scott King, held at Historic Ebenezer Baptist Church.

Mrs. Lowery studied at Clark College, Youngstown School of Business and Youngstown University. Mrs. Lowery's parents, the Rev. and Mrs. Harry B. Gibson, Sr., a Methodist Minister, were activists in their community, and in Memphis, her father served as president of the NAACP. She is the wife of Dr. Joseph Echols Lowery, 3rd president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference for 18 years, when she served as "First Lady", and was a member of the Board of Directors. She is the proud mother of three daughters—Yvonne Lowery Kennedy, Karen G. Lowery, and Cheryl Lowery Osborne. Mrs. Lowery often states her most significant accomplishment has been raising three beautiful daughters, but in her role as a community organizer, focusing on bettering the position of women and children in America, she has made significant strides. She has a long list of awards and affiliations.

#### **KEVIN MARTINEZ**

Kevin Martinez joined The Home Depot in November 2004 as director of Community Affairs. He is responsible for managing and developing the community affairs and corporate social responsibility strategy, including integration of programs and initiatives with divisional communications. Kevin oversees The Home Depot's corporate volunteerism programs, corporate giving and philanthropy, national partnerships, and social responsibility programs and reporting.

Prior to joining The Home Depot, Kevin was the senior manager of community affairs for Starbucks' Corporate Social Responsibility department. He was responsible for managing a national network of community affairs managers, national nonprofit relationships and Corporate Social Responsibility partner (employee) programs; and assisting in the development of reputation management practices worldwide. He was also responsible for developing and acquiring the Ethos Water brand. Additionally, Kevin worked with various business units to incorporate responsible business practice solutions and alternatives into their everyday work, developing award-winning Corporate Social Responsibility programs throughout North America.

Prior to Starbucks, Martinez gained experience in an array of public service, political, philanthropic and retail businesses, including managing the Corporate Social Responsibility department at Eddie Bauer in 1998. Under Martinez's leadership, The Global ReLeaf program, "Add a Dollar, Plant-a-Tree," became a nationally acclaimed cause-marketing program that was awarded one of Canada's highest environment awards, the Eterne Award, for helping to reforest urban areas in North America. In 1995, Martinez took on the responsibility of manager of Community Relations for King County Executive Gary Locke, Washington State's future Governor, and later as the director of Community Relations for Locke's successor, King County Executive Ron Sims. At King County, Kevin managed the Kingdome Renovation Task Force and ultimately helped work with historic downtown historic Pioneer Square and the International District to site two new stadiums and demolish the Kingdome. Prior to his work in King County's executive office, Kevin was the executive director of the Seattle Aquarium Society and a member of the Citizen's Advisory Board, which was responsible for the master plan of the Seattle Aquarium.

In addition to speaking on many panels and forums across the country, Kevin keeps active in the community affairs field by serving as president of The Home Depot Foundation, the advisory board for the Center for Citizenship at Boston College the Conference Board, and The Home Depot's Environmental Council.

#### **ELRIDGE MCMILLAN**

Elridge W. McMillan is a nationally recognized expert in the fields of higher education policy, research, governance, curriculum development, access and equity. McMillan's leadership has impacted significantly on major educational policy change, particularly in the areas of access and equity, in the southern region of the United States. McMillan uses his more than forty years of experience to challenge fellow educators and activists to persist in the struggle to improve educational opportunity for America's ever-changing diverse citizenry.

As the first African-American president of the Atlanta-based Souther Education Foundation, President Emeritus McMillan lead the foundation to take an active role in promoting equity and quality in education in the South, primarily for blacks and disadvantaged citizens. McMillan co-chaired SEF's Panel on Educational Opportunity and Post-Secondary Desegregation, which was comprised of college presidents, civil rights activists, members of the business community, state policymakers and the heads of major education associations. In 1995, the panel issued a major report: Redeeming The American Promise, which garnered extensive national attention.

The first African-American chair (1986-1987) of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, McMillan is the longest-serving member of the board having served for more than 30 years since his initial appointment in February 1975. He continues his efforts to make educational equity a priority for the board and the citizens of Georgia.

Before joining the Southern Education Foundation, McMillan was chief of the Education Branch of the Office for Civil Rights for Region IV of the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. He was previously program operations supervisor for the U.S. Office of Economic Opportunity, Southeastern Region, and held various administrative and teaching positions with Atlanta public schools.

McMillan's professional affiliations and community involvement are numerous. A trustee of Clark Atlanta University (his alma mater), he is vice chair of the Board of Trustees, member of the Executive Committee and chair of the Academic Affairs Committee.

He is a former board member of the Council on Foundations, the Association of Black Foundation Executives, the Atlanta Urban League, the Literacy Commission of the Southern Growth Policies Board, and the Southeastern Council of Foundations. He is a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity

McMillan is a recipient of the "Black Georgian of the Year" award from the State Committee on the Life and History of Black Georgians. The Atlanta NAACP awarded its W.E.B. DuBois award in Education to McMillan on an unprecedented three occasions. He also was awarded the Atlanta Urban League's Distinguished Community Service Award, the Association of Governing Boards' Distinguished Award for Trusteeship, and the University of Georgia's Blue Key Honor Society Award. He also is the recipient of the University System of Georgia Foundation's first Lifetime Achievement Award, which now has been officially named "The Elridge McMillan Lifetime Achievement Award."

McMillan received his bachelors degree in English from Clark College (now Clark Atlanta University), and his master's degree in guidance and student personnel administration from Columbia University, in New York, where he also did post-graduate work. He holds honorary degrees from Clark College, Claflin College, Tuskegee University and Xavier University.

#### **ALICIA PHILIPP**

Alicia Anne Philipp is president of The Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta, Inc., one of the fastest growing philanthropic service organizations in the country. With assets of more than \$500 million, The Community Foundation is also one of the largest community foundations in the United States. The Foundation helps individuals and families make the most of their charitable giving by educating them on community issues and by connecting them to charitable organizations and causes that specifically serve their philanthropic interests. The Community Foundation currently manages 650 individual family funds ranging from \$50,000 to \$120 million.

Alicia is considered one of the industry's leading, visionary voices on progressive community foundations, innovative grant making and strategic individual and family philanthropy. She is the Foundation's primary representative to donors, the business community, other foundations, and the general public. Under her leadership, the foundation has grown from \$7 million in 1977, to more than \$500 million today. During FY 2003-2004, the Foundation awarded more than 4,000 grants totaling nearly \$42 million to nonprofit organizations in the areas of arts and culture, community development, civic affairs, education, health, and social services.

Alicia is a member of the advisory committee of the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies at Georgia State University and serves as a board member of Central Atlanta Progress. National and regional leadership responsibilities include previous service as a board member of the Council on Foundations, the Southeastern Council of Foundations, and Independent Sector. Additionally, she is a member of the Junior League, the International Women's Forum, and the Academy of Women Achievers, and serves in leadership capacities with the Philanthropic Collaborative for a Healthy Georgia and the United Way Community Investment Committee.

Alicia has been named consecutively as one of the "100 Most Influential Georgians" by Georgia Trend Magazine and frequently as one of the "Most Influential Atlantans" by the Atlanta Business Chronicle. Alicia has also been inducted in the Atlanta Business Hall of Fame by Junior Achievement of Georgia. She has been recognized as an "Achiever" by the YMCA, received the "Roz Cohen Community Action Award" and the "Emory Medal," Emory University's highest honor for alumni. She has also been honored as one of the "Top Ten Women Managers" in the United States by Working Woman magazine.

Alicia received a bachelor's degree from Emory University and a master's in business administration from Georgia State University. She is the mother of two children, Alice and Connor.

#### **AJ ROBINSON**

A.J. Robinson is President of Central Atlanta Progress (CAP) and the Atlanta Downtown Improvement District (ADID). CAP, a private business association started in 1941, remains one of the most effective advocacy organizations in the city. CAP has created and spun off a number of organizations such as Trees Atlanta, Research Atlanta, COPA, Inc. and the Midtown Alliance. In 1995, CAP created the ADID and the Ambassador Force of downtown to address public safety and cleaning concerns.

In his role, he manages the overall strategic functions of the organizations which are designed to make the Downtown Atlanta community more livable, vital and diverse. Key initiatives focus on economic development, planning, public safety, sidewalk environment, transportation, events and overall marketing of Downtown Atlanta. CAP is funded through membership dues and grants from many of Atlanta's major corporations, as well as organizations and foundations committed to the development of downtown.

The former President of Portman Holdings, he was responsible for all activities of this multi-dimensional real estate company with offices in Atlanta, Charlotte, Shanghai and Warsaw. During his 22-year career with Portman, he managed all aspects of real estate development process, including identification of new opportunities, securing financing, design, construction, marketing, acquisition, property management, and asset management. Various projects included property and asset management of SunTrust Plaza, a \$400 million multi-use urban development in the heart of downtown Atlanta. Other assets included the AmericasMart, Atlanta Decorative Arts Center, Westin Charlotte, Westin Warsaw and Shanghai Centre.

He had primary responsibility for development of Shanghai Centre, a US\$200 million multi-use facility in downtown Shanghai, when completed in 1990 was one of the largest foreign investment projects in the People's Republic of China (PRC). In his over 20-year career with Portman, he worked on projects in China, Japan, Taiwan, Singapore, Thailand, Indonesia, Egypt, Israel, Austria, Brazil, India, Poland, Russia, Hong Kong, South Africa, the United Kingdom and most major US cities.

From June 1980 to January 1981, he participated in the U.S. Department of Commerce's historic creation of China's first business school under the protocol signed by President Jimmy Carter and the Chinese Department of Education. During that time, he researched, wrote and taught case studies in Dalian, China, and traveled extensively throughout the Chinese cities.

A 1980 graduate of Harvard School of Business, he received a Master's Degree in Business Administration. With high distinction, he received his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration

in June 1977 from Emory University.

A native of Knoxville, Tennessee, he is married to Dr. Nicole Ellerine, a pediatrician, and they reside in Atlanta with their nine-year old daughter, Micaela, seven-year old son, Ethan and five-year old son, Nathaniel.

He has traveled extensively in the U.S. and internationally. His special interests include American history, politics and sports. He was chosen as one of ten Outstanding Young Atlantans in 1986, was a member of the 1991-92 Leadership Atlanta Class, and has published articles in The Wall Street Journal, Harvard Business Review, Atlanta Journal/Constitution, The Atlanta Business Chronicle and National Real Estate Investor. His other recognition includes being chosen twice as one of the 100 Most Influential Georgians by Georgia Trend Magazine, one of Atlanta's Top 40 Power Players by Atlanta Magazine and one of the Most Influential Atlantans by the Atlanta Business Chronicle.

His business and civic interest include the following positions: Director, AmericasMart, Inc.; AmericasMart.com; The Alliance Theatre; Atlanta Neighborhood Development Partnership; The Breman Heritage Museum; Former Director, Development Authority of Fulton County; Board Member and Former President, American Israel Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Inc. Southeast Region; Former Board Member and Past President, the World Trade Club Atlanta; Emory Board of Visitors; Co-Chairman, Georgia Peach PAC; Member, Young President's Organization (YPO); Board Member and Vice President, Greenfield Hebrew Academy; B'nai B'rith Youth Organization; Trustee, Marcus Jewish Community Center; and, Former Board Member, The Atlanta Jewish Federation.

# **DOUG SHIPMAN**

Doug is a Manager in the Atlanta office of the Boston Consulting Group. Doug joined BCG's Atlanta office in 2001 and was a summer consultant in the BCG New York office in 2000. He also spent one year in BCG's Mumbai, India office as part of BCG's Ambassador Program.

During his time at BCG, Doug has worked for clients within the financial services, consumer goods and industrial goods industries. He has led cases dealing with marketing, sales force organization and incentives, sales distribution strategy, pricing, and operations. He has extensive experience in strategy and overall management issues.

Doug also has worked with several nonprofit clients during his time at BCG including a major Atlanta Arts organization. He also serves as a Board Member for two Atlanta organizations: Out Of Hand Theater and Easter Seals of North Georgia. Doug has also volunteered extensively at Emory University including serving as a member of the Woodruff Scholars selection committee. Doug has guest lectured at several universities including Duke University and Goizueta Business School.

Prior to joining BCG, Doug was a profitability analyst and product manager in the retail marketing group at Signet Bank and served a similar consulting function at Fleet Financial Corporation. He constructed profitability models based on customer demographics and behavior to evaluate customers, marketing programs, pricing and products.

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## **ALAN WISE**

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During his tenure at BCG, Alan has worked for clients in a broad range of industries including airlines, airplane manufacturers, lodging, financial services, telecommunications, automotive, and paper and forest products. He has extensive experience in in strategy development, corporate development, sales and marketing and operations.

Alan has also worked with several nonprofit clients while with BCG, including one of the largest national cause-related nonprofits. Recent Atlanta-based projects have included assessment of strategic options for Zoo Atlanta and working with the Atlanta Convention & Visitors Bureau in the early stages of what became the Brand Atlanta campaign.

Prior to joining BCG, he worked in information technology consulting and investment banking. He was a consultant and team leader with American Management Systems Inc., and also worked in the investment banking division at Lehman Brothers Inc.

Alan has an MBA from Duke University's Fuqua School of Business and a BA in Philosophy and in Public Policy, with honors, from Duke University.

## LYNNETTE YOUNG

Lynnette Young is the Chief Operating Officer of the City of Atlanta with responsibility for the day-to-day operation and management of city government. All operational departments of the city report to Mayor Shirley Franklin through Ms. Young. She has oversight and responsibility for service delivery and has operational accountability for all city services.

Mayor Franklin has charged Ms. Young with re-energizing and refocusing city government. Ms. Young has created four Sub-cabinets, each charged with drafting policy in the various areas. The Sub-cabinets cover operations, economic development, human services and capital projects.

Prior to joining the City of Atlanta, Ms. Young was principal and senior consultant with Damespoint Partners, a strategy development-consulting firm. Ms. Young's areas of expertise included strategy development, organizational development, governmental policies/procedures, and issues management.

Prior to opening her practice, Ms. Young served as Senior Vice President with Carnegie Morgan, a consulting firm headquartered in Maryland with offices in Michigan and Illinois. As Senior Vice President, she developed and maintained strong relationships with a broad array of government and business executives for the four divisions of the firm. She established the firm's corporate identity with new and existing clients as well as created strategies for clients based on an understanding of their organizational resources, priorities, needs, and policies.

For ten years Ms. Young served under Baltimore Mayor Kurt L. Schmoke as Chief of Staff, functioning as the Chief Administrative and Operational Officer (Deputy Mayor) of the city to whom the Mayor delegated responsibility for executive oversight and policy direction of all Mayoral Cabinet appointees.

Ms. Young was tasked with re-engineering city government services, reorganizing city agencies, and reorganizing the Mayor's office. She was responsible for the creation of the city's four sub-cabinets: the Development Group (for economic development), the Human Services Sub-Cabinet, the Empowerment Zone Sub-Cabinet, and the Critical Cabinet (all major operational agencies.) Ms. Young recommended financial management systems and strategies that helped the city maintain its strong financial position and bond rating.

Ms. Young was lead negotiator for Baltimore City with the State of Maryland and the Maryland Stadium Authority for expansion of the Baltimore City Convention Center; privatized management of the Baltimore City Arena and Baltimore City Family Fun Center; was Mayor's lead on the Inner Harbor East development site and the Inner Harbor East Hotel (Marriott); Mayor's liaison on efforts to obtain a National Football League team (the Baltimore Ravens); Mayor's representative on the development of the Columbus Marine Biotechnology Center and the Marine Mammal Pavilion at the National Aquarium.

Her membership on charitable and non-profit boards have included the Living Classroom Foundation; Catholic Charities of Maryland; Associated Black Charities; the Municipal Employees Credit Union; The National Aquarium in Baltimore; the Columbus Marine Biotechnology Center, the Caroline Center, the Baltimore Zoo, City Kids Art Factory (Jacksonville, Florida), Friends of the Fernandina Beach Library (Florida) and she served briefly as chair of the Housing Authority of Fernandina Beach, Florida.

Ms. Young graduated from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County with a degree in Political Science and completed the Certificate Program for Senior Executives in State and Local Government at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

She currently resides in Midtown Atlanta.

# JAMIL ZAINALDIN

Dr. Jamil S. Zainaldin is President of the Georgia Humanities Council, a position he has held since 1997 when he moved to Georgia. The GHC is the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. With Federal, State, and private funding support, the GHC funds and conducts projects statewide that promote community, character, and citizenship in Georgia through humanities education (history, literature, ethics).

Zainaldin attended Warner Robins High School, and holds the BA in History from the University of Virginia and the PhD in History from the University of Chicago. He has taught history at Northwestern University and Case Western Reserve University, and presently is visiting Professor (part-time) at Emory University. He is author or coauthor of two books on American history, law, and public policy as well as articles. Before assuming his present position in Georgia, he was president of the Washington-based Federation of State Humanities Councils. He has also served as the staff director of a U.S. Congressional Task Force on Social Security and Women, as issue development director of the National Council of Senior Citizens (where he wrote a book-length literature survey of aging and public policy), and as deputy director of the American Historical Association.

He is a frequent writer and speaker on the importance of history, literature, and ethics, the value of the liberal arts for life preparation, character education, and civic values. He also lectures on the perils and the possibilities of the World Wide Web. He is a past member of the Governor's Commission on History and Historical Tourism, and serves on the boards of state, regional, and national cultural, historical, and educational organizations. He co-founded the Georgia Center for Character Education, a three-year partnership of the Georgia Humanities Council, Georgia Department of Education and Georgia Power Foundation to assist in the implementation of the 1999 Georgia statute that mandated the teaching of character in Georgia's schools. He developed the council's Leadership Forum series (1999-2003), a nationally innovative civic dialogue. In 2005-2008 he is Lead Scholar in a Teaching American History grant (U.S. Department of Education) on "Seeds of Democracy." At present he is involved in an effort to create a Georgia State History Museum.

Since 1999 he has spearheaded the development of an electronic state encyclopedia (The New Georgia Encyclopedia), a GHC project in partnership with the Office of the Governor, the University of Georgia Press and the University System of Georgia/GALILEO. The Georgia online encyclopedia, among the first of its kind anywhere, has been recognized as a national model by the National Endowment for the Humanities, the New York Times, the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, and USA Today. It became available on the World Wide Web on February 12, 2004, and was named by the Library Journal as a "Best Reference Source on the Web" for 2004. It is also the recipient of a GHRAB award for Excellence in Documenting Georgia's History, and the Helen and Martin Schwartz Prize for national programming excellence awarded by the Federation of State Humanities Councils, and the Excellence in Media award of the Georgia Historical Society.